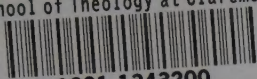


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SEVENTY-THIRD REPORT
OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL
HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

PRESENTED BY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 25, 1899
HARTFORD, CONN.



THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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The Congregational Home Missionary Society

It is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. It was organized in the City of New York, May 10th, 1826, by a convention of friends of Home Missions, representing at least four denominations of evangelical Christians: Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Dutch Reformed, and United Presbyterians. These worked together harmoniously for years, until, one after another—the Presbyterians last, in 1860—they organized their separate denominational boards, by which they are still doing efficient and increasing Home Missionary work.

From the four tables on pages 100-103 of this report may be gathered a succinct history of this Society's progress for seventy-three years. The table on page 103 shows the yearly growth in receipts from \$18,000 in 1826 to \$516,245.79 in 1898-99; in expenditures, from less than \$14,000 to \$535,037.49; of missionaries, from 169 to 1,824; of congregations served by them, from 196 to 2,875; of years of labor, from 110 to 1,357; of additions to the churches, from 1,000 to 7,794; and of Sunday-school scholars, from 306 to 146,604. The annual average of expense for a year of labor and for a missionary is also shown. The double table (pages 100-101) shows the number of missionaries employed in each State entered by the Society from its beginning, going up from 196 congregations in fifteen States in 1826 to 2,875 congregations in forty-five States and Territories in 1899. The table on page 102 shows the annual distribution, from 1826 to 1899, in the geographical sections of the country.

The total of cash receipts in the seventy-three years is \$18,482,044. In addition to this amount, not less than \$2,401,630 in clothing and other supplies for missionary families have been received. The total of years of labor is 57,501. The whole number of additions to the churches is 476,002. The number of churches organized is 6,535; the number brought to self-support is 3,244. (*Congregational churches organized, 4,831; brought to self-support, 3,105.*)

Pages 14-15 give a summary of interesting results of the seventy-third year's work, and a comparison of some of them with that of the previous year.

On pages 104-123 will be found an alphabetical list of the missionaries aided, with one of the principal stations each laborer occupied, which, in most cases, is his post-office address.

The Home Missionary and Congregational Work

The former is published quarterly at thirty cents a year, postage paid. The subscription price could not well be less. Unless they prefer to pay, it will be sent without further payment, as heretofore, to Life Members; Missionaries of the Society and its Auxiliaries; Ministers securing a yearly collection for it in their congregations; also, for a year, to every Individual, Association, or Congregation, *one copy for every ten dollars* collected and paid over to the Society or an Auxiliary.

Congregational Work is a paper published monthly (except in July and August) in the interest of the six National Congregational Societies. Terms: one copy, per year, twenty-five cents; in clubs of ten or more, ten cents a copy. Suitable names should accompany the payment. Pastors are earnestly requested to serve Home Missions by promoting the use of these journals at the Monthly Concert and among their people.

Immediate notice of discontinuance or change of post-office address should be given.

Form of a Bequest

I bequeath to my executors the sum of _____ dollars, *in trust*, to pay over the same in _____ months after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, formed in the City of New York in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society, and under its direction.

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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Congregational Home Missionary Society convened for its Seventy-third Annual Meeting in the First Congregational Church, Hartford, Connecticut, at 7:45 P.M., Tuesday, May 23, 1899, with the President, OLIVER O. HOWARD, of Vermont, in the chair.

The devotional services were led by the Rev. FRANKLIN S. FITCH, of New York. The Rev. JOHN H. BARROWS, of Ohio, preached the annual sermon, from John vi. 63: "It is the Spirit that quickeneth."

After singing, prayer by the President, and the benediction by the Rev. JOHN H. BARROWS, the body adjourned till 9 A.M., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 24.—At nine o'clock the Rev. JUSTIN E. TWITCHELL, of Connecticut, conducted devotional services. President HOWARD made his annual address upon "The Power of Little Things."

At 9:45 the Rev. JOSEPH B. CLARK, of New York, Secretary, read a paper entitled "What Next?"

The Rev. WILLIAM G. PUDDEFOOT, of Massachusetts, was appointed Assistant Recording Secretary.

At 10:30, after a brief devotional service, led by the Rev. WASHINGTON CHOATE, of Connecticut, the time was given to the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Department, Mrs. HARRIET S. CASWELL, of New York, Secretary, presiding.

The Secretary read her annual report. Mrs. LUCAS S. CHILDS, of Oklahoma, spoke of "Missionary Boxes."

After singing by Miss GLADYS M. JONES, of Oregon, Mrs. FRANCIS E. CLARK, of Massachusetts, made an address upon "How to Interest the Children in Home Missions."

Mrs. R. P. FAIRBANKS, of Vermont, conducted a responsive exercise.

A collection amounting to \$400 was taken for the general treasury; a quartette from Redfield College, South Dakota, sang; and Mrs. JOSEPH WARD, of South Dakota, led in prayer.

The Rev. ALFRED K. WRAY, of Missouri, spoke of the people of the Ozarks, and an address was made by President HOWARD.

After singing by the choir, Miss JONES, and the Redfield College quartette, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. GEORGE W. RAY, of Colorado, and at 12:30 a recess was taken till 2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.—At 2 P.M. the following committees were appointed:

On Local Arrangements: Rev. CHARLES M. LAMSON, Rev. HENRY H. KELSEY, Rev. ALFRED T. PERRY, Rev. THOMAS M. HODGDON HENRY R. HOVEY, GEORGE F. HILLS, J. COOLIDGE HILLS, DAVID CALHOUN, HENRY T. OLNSTEAD.

On Nominations: Rev. HENRY H. KELSEY, of Connecticut; Rev. CHARLES B. RICE, of Massachusetts; Rev. JAMES H. LYON, of Rhode Island; Rev. FRANKLIN S. FITCH, of New York.

The Congregational Church Building Society was represented in addresses as follows: Rev. LEVI H. COBB, of New York, Secretary; Rev. CHARLES H. RICHARDS, of Pennsylvania; Rev. RUSSELL T. HALL, of Connecticut.

At 2:45, after singing, the subject "Massachusetts and One Hundred Years of Home Missions" was discussed in addresses by three Massachusetts men—Rev. JOSHUA COIT, Secretary; Rev. WOLCOTT CALKINS, and Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB.

After singing, the Rev. SAMUEL V. S. FISHER, of Minnesota, spoke for the Scandinavian Department. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, of Massachusetts, and at 5 a recess was taken till 7:45 P.M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—At 7:45 devotional services were conducted by the Rev. HENRY C. SIMMONS, of North Dakota. "The Continuing Need of the West" was presented in addresses by the Rev. WALTER M. BARROWS, of Connecticut, and the Rev. WILLIAM H. G. TEMPLE, of Washington.

After singing, "The Cry of Cuba" was voiced by the Rev. JOHN D. KINGSBURY, of Massachusetts, and the Rev. JOSÉ M. LOPEZ-GUILLEN, of New York.

President HOWARD led in prayer, the doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. JOSÉ M. LOPEZ-GUILLEN, and at 10 the body adjourned till 9 A.M., Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING.—At 9 the body spent a half hour in devotion, led by the Rev. GEORGE W. RAY, of Colorado.

Vice-President Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, of Massachusetts, was called to the chair. The minutes of Tuesday and Wednesday were approved.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented, and accepted.

It was *voted* that the reading of the Roll be omitted, and that the Assistant Recording Secretary be authorized to complete it. The Roll, when complete, was as follows:

R O L L

GENERAL OLIVER O. HOWARD, *President*.
REV. E. B. WEBB, *Vice-President*.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REV. JOHN D. KINGSBURY,	REV. CHARLES H. RICHARDS,
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Vermont

S. B. Emerson,
Mrs. Rebecca P. Fairbanks,
Rev. H. R. Miles.

It was *voted* that the thanks of the Society be given to the Rev. JOHN H. BARROWS, of Ohio, for his eloquent and suggestive sermon, and that a copy of it be requested for publication.

It was *voted* that the minutes, the sermon, and the Report of the Executive Committee, be printed; and also other papers, addresses, and reports, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer, WILLIAM B. HOWLAND, of New Jersey, presented a summary of his report, which was accepted.

The Committee on the Report of the Executive Committee made a report, which was accepted.

The third and fourth clauses of Article V. of the Constitution were amended to read as follows: "That the Executive Committee shall be arranged in five divisions, of three each. One division shall be elected by ballot by the Society each year, at the Annual Meeting, to serve for five years, and the members elected shall be ineligible for a re-election for one year after the close of their term."

In accordance with the directions of the last Annual Meeting, provided the next Annual Meeting adopts the principle of rotation in office among the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee presented the following plan for carrying into effect the Constitution so amended:

First: All the members of the Executive Committee resign.

Second: The Society elects three members to serve for one year, three for two years, three for three years, three for four years, and three for five years.

Third: In order that there may be as little injury as possible to the continuous working of the Society in making the change, the four shorter terms of the Committee should be filled from present members of the Executive Committee, and the longest term with new men.

This plan was adopted, and the members of the Executive Committee tendered their resignations, which were accepted.

The Committee on Nominations made report, which was accepted, and the persons nominated were chosen by ballot, as follows:

PRESIDENT

OLIVER O. HOWARD, of Vermont.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, of Connecticut,
REV. JOHN K. MCLEAN, of California,
H. CLARK FORD, of Ohio,
WYLLIS W. BAIRD, of Illinois,
REV. EDWIN B. WEBB, of Massachusetts,
HARVEY J. HOLLISTER, of Michigan,
REV. EDWARD P. GOODWIN, of Illinois,
CORNELIUS D. WOOD, of New York,
REV. EDWARD D. EATON, of Wisconsin.

RECORDING SECRETARY

REV. WILLIAM H. HOLMAN, of Connecticut.

AUDITOR

GEORGE S. EDGELL, of New York.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To serve until 1904.

EDWIN H. BAKER, of Connecticut,
REV. HOWARD S. BLISS, of New Jersey,
REV. JOHN DE PEU, of Connecticut.

To serve until 1903

REV. EDWARD P. INGERSOLL, of New York,
JOSEPH W. RICE, of Rhode Island,
GEORGE P. STOCKWELL, of New York.

To serve until 1902

REV. CHARLES H. RICHARDS, of Pennsylvania
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REV. JOHN D. KINGSBURY, of Massachusetts

To serve until 1901

REV. CHARLES M. LAMSON, of Connecticut,
JOHN H. PERRY, of Connecticut,
WILLIAM I. WASHBURN, of New York.

To serve until 1900

WILLIAM H. WANAMAKER, of Pennsylvania,
JOHN F. ANDERSON, Jr., of New York,
ASA A. SPEAR, of New York.

The following were appointed a committee on the Report of the Executive Committee for 1900:

REV. EDWARD N. PACKARD, of New York,
NATHANIEL SHIPMAN, of Connecticut,
REV. FREDERICK E. EMRICH, of Massachusetts,
REV. WILLIAM H. G. TEMPLE, of Washington,
REV. STEPHEN M. NEWMAN, of Washington, D. C.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, JOSEPH W. RICE, of Rhode Island, presented a memorial of the Rev. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, which by rising vote was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The story of Cripple Creek was told by the Rev. GEORGE W. RAY, of Colorado, and a collection of \$153 was made for his work.

After prayer by the Rev. JUSTIN E. TWITCHELL, of Connecticut, and the benediction by the Rev. WOLCOTT CALKINS, of Massachusetts, at 12:15 a recess was taken till 2 P.M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.—At 2, after singing, the *Sunday School and Publishing Society* was represented in addresses by the Rev. GEORGE M. BOYNTON, of Massachusetts, and SAMUEL B. CAPEN, of Massachusetts.

At 2:45 the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was represented in an address by the Rev. CHARLES H. MERRILL, of Vermont, Secretary; and the work in Florida was described by the Rev. SULLIVAN F. GALE, of Florida, Superintendent.

After singing, the Congregational Education Society was represented in addresses by the Rev. CHARLES O. DAY, of Massachusetts; the Rev. WILLISTON WALKER, of Connecticut; and the Rev. HENRY A. STIMSON, of New York.

At 4:30 the Rev. ALFRED K. WRAY, of Missouri, Superintendent, spoke of the work in that State.

After singing, the Rev. CHARLES M. LAMSON, of Connecticut, led in prayer and pronounced the benediction; and at 5 a recess was taken till 7:45.

THURSDAY EVENING.—At 7:45 the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Congregational Home Missionary Society are hereby extended to the churches and pastors of this city for their invitation and cordial reception, and especially to the First Church and its pastor, who have so generously opened their house of worship for the sessions of this Annual Meeting.

Also, to those who have led in the service of song, and to the organist and choir for their aid in worship.

Also, to those ladies who so kindly assisted in the service of the Woman's Department.

Also, to the Railroad Associations, both east and west, for their courtesy in conceding reduced rates to those attending this meeting.

It was *voted* that the time and place of the next Annual Meeting be referred to the Executive Committee.

It was *voted* that the reading of the Minutes be dispensed with, and that the Recording Secretary be authorized to complete the Minutes to the close of the meeting.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Society has learned with intense interest of the work initiated in Alaska, and was deeply moved by the exhaustive report of the Committee sent to investigate the religious condition of Cuba, by which report it appears that the people there are now ready for the preaching of the Gospel; therefore,

Resolved, That in view of providential developments, North and South, during the year, it appears to be the duty of the Congregational Home Missionary Society

to preach the Gospel in Alaska and Cuba, and we commend the action of the Executive Committee in these directions.

The following telegram was received, and President HOWARD was requested to make suitable response:

ABERDEEN, S. D., May 25, 1899.

CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

(Care Rev. Dr. J. B. Clark, Secretary, Hartford, Conn.):

General Association, South Dakota, sends greeting and love to the mother of our churches. May her purse be as large as her heart!

D. R. TOMLIN, *Moderator*.

[4:50 P.M.]

Response.

REV. D. R. TOMLIN, *Moderator*, SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION, CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ABERDEEN, S. D.

Hearty thanks and greetings. The mother's love is unabated.

O. O. HOWARD,

President Congregational Home Missionary Society.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. T. EATON CLAPP, of New Hampshire, and the Redfield College quartette sang.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. G. TEMPLE, of Washington, presented the claims of Alaska; the Rev. WILLIAM G. PUDDEFOOT, of Massachusetts, spoke of "The Needs of the Farther West;" and the Rev. LYMAN ABBOTT, of New York, described "Our New Responsibilities."

President HOWARD led in prayer; the hymn "Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung; the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. CHARLES M. LAMSON, of Connecticut, and at 9:30 the meeting was dissolved.

WILLIAM H. HOLMAN,

W. G. PUDDEFOOT,

Recording Secretary.

Assistant Recording Secretary.

SEVENTY-THIRD REPORT.

During the year under review the Society has lost from the ranks of its co-workers, in the office of Vice-President, the Hon. Nelson Dingley. For ten years Mr. Dingley had been chosen to that office, and presided at two of the Society's annual meetings. The addresses delivered on these occasions were strong presentations of the principles and purposes of Home Missions, as they appeared to one occupying a high place in the political world, and who looked upon the problems of our American life from the standpoint of Christian statesmanship. As Vice-President of the Society, Mr. Dingley was ever ready to respond to the call for his services in its behalf, and his death has left a large vacancy in the official board.

Of the 1,848 missionaries commissioned within the year, only three have been summoned from their earthly labors to their reward on high. These are Rev. A. Abramson, of Connecticut; Rev. Alfred K. Johnson, of California, and Rev. B. C. Mills, of Louisiana.

They rest from their labors, but their works do follow them.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

The number of missionary laborers in the service of the Society the last year, ending March 31, 1899, whose names are found in the Table near the close of this Report, together with those engaged in superintending the work, is 1,848. (Deducting 24 reported in more than one State, 1,824.) Of these, 1,360 were in commission at the date of the last Report, and 464 have since been appointed.

They have been employed in 44 States and Territories, as follows: In Maine, 107; New Hampshire, 54; Vermont, 60; Massachusetts, 148; Rhode Island, 15; Connecticut, 82; New York, 66; New Jersey, 10; Pennsylvania, 39; North Carolina, 1; Maryland, 4; West Virginia, 1; Louisiana, 7; Georgia, 18; Alabama, 40; Arkansas, 3; Florida, 27; Texas, 6; Oklahoma, 52; Tennessee, 2; Ohio, 38; Indiana, 29; Illinois, 97; Missouri, 41; Michigan, 71; Wisconsin, 86; Iowa, 91; Minnesota, 101; Kansas, 40; Nebraska, 94; North Dakota, 41; South Dakota, 90; Colorado, 43; Wyoming, 14; Montana, 9; New Mexico, 8; Utah, 11; Nevada, 1; Idaho, 14; Arizona, 1;

North California, 53; South California, 32; Oregon, 16; Washington, 73; Alaska, 1;—in all, 1,848. Of these, 24 having labored in more than one State, are in this enumeration twice counted. The total number of individuals employed is 1,824.

This distribution, retaining the twice counted, gives to the New England States, 466; Middle States, 119; Southern States, 97; South-western States, 102; on the Pacific Coast, 185; Western States and Territories, 879.

Of the whole number in commission, 956 have been pastors or stated supplies of single congregations; 549 have ministered to two or three congregations each; and 319 have extended their labors over still wider fields.

The aggregate of missionary labor performed is 1,357 years.

The number of congregations and missionary districts which have been fully supplied, or where the Gospel has been preached at stated intervals, is 2,875.

The number of those who have preached in foreign languages is 212; 46 to German congregations, 102 to Scandinavian congregations, 22 to Bohemian congregations, 5 to Polish congregations, 13 to French congregations, 5 to Mexican congregations, 3 to Italian congregations, 2 to Spanish congregations, 4 to congregations of Finns, 2 to congregations of Danes, 5 to congregations of Armenians, 1 to a congregation of Greeks, and 2 to congregations of Welsh.

The number of Sunday-school and Bible-class scholars is not far from 146,604. The organization of 199 new schools is reported, and the number under the special care of missionaries is 2,064.

Forty-eight make mention of revivals of religion during the year, some of them reporting 150, 95, 75, 72, 65, 60, 58, 50, 48, 45 hopeful conversions. In 158 instances the number of reported converts exceeds 10, and the number reported by 630 missionaries is 6,018.

The additions to the churches, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 7,794, viz.: 5,030 on confession of faith, and 2,764 by letters from other churches.

Thirty-four churches have been organized in connection with the labors of the missionaries within the year, and 44 have assumed the entire support of their own gospel ordinances.

Sixty houses of worship have been completed and 220 materially repaired or improved, and 77 parsonages have been provided. One hundred and one, in connection with the missionary churches, are reported as in different stages of preparation for the gospel ministry.

THE TREASURY.

The Society began the year with a net debt of \$106,500.66. The receipts of the National Society during the year, from contributions, legacies, and other sources, were \$294,670.68, and the Auxiliaries raised and expended on their own fields \$221,575.11, making the total income for the year (including \$5,247.28 cash in hand for drafts payable) \$528,992.41, and \$7,499 34 unappropriated balance on the first of the year.

The expenditures of the National Society for missionary labor and expenses during the year have been \$313,462.38, and the Auxiliaries have expended \$221,575.11 on their various fields.

The net debt of the Society at the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1899, is \$133,469.85—an increase in the debt during the year of \$26,969.19.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

The number of commissions is less by 34 than that of the seventy-second year; the years of labor were 74 less; the number who have preached in foreign languages were 7 more; 117 more preaching stations have been statedly supplied. The additions to the aided churches were, by letter, 407 less, and on confession 992 less than last year. The number of Sunday schools under missionary care have been 78 less, with 12,512 fewer scholars reported.

OUR WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

For now seventeen years this department has been demonstrating the wisdom of its organization. As heretofore, the secretary of this department has spent most of her time on the field, making and renewing her acquaintance with the women of the churches, whom her visits have roused to ever-increasing activity. In her journeyings she has addressed large gatherings at the annual associations in the Middle and Far West, as well as in the West; bringing cheer, comfort and inspiration to the hard-working missionaries and their companions, and giving a new impulse to the work wherever she has gone. In this seventeenth year of the department the women have contributed in cash \$42,341.12 to the Congregational Home Mission-

ary Society, and \$98,758.66 to the treasuries of the five homeland organizations. In thirteen years they have paid into the homeland treasuries \$1,077,697.59, averaging \$82,899.81 yearly. Of this sum \$534,091.43 has measured their appreciation of the work of this Society. In addition to these cash contributions, their valued help in the way of box supply has been kept up. This part of the work is reported in another paragraph.

Persons who may desire a more particular account of the year's work of this department may receive the secretary's annual report by addressing Mrs. H. S. Caswell, at the offices of this Society.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The quarterly annual reports of missionaries in all parts of the land show the deep interest which our churches take in this most important branch of their work. The statistics of the year prove that their zeal in this line of effort is as fervent as ever, and demonstrate the wisdom of forming and carrying on the schools with an eye rather to permanence than to reporting imposing numbers of gatherings with only a name to live.

The brethren on the field make report of 199 new Sunday Schools organized by them in the seventy-third year, making 2,064 schools, with 146,604 scholars in their several departments, now under home missionary care. Friends will observe that there is a gain in the number of new Sunday schools over those reported one year ago.

There is no more hopeful field work than that among the youth of the land, and no more important work than that of bringing the youth under the influence of Gospel truth.

OUR PUBLICATIONS.

The "Home Missionary" has been issued quarterly, as last year, to about 20,000 subscribers and Life Members, less formal communication being kept up monthly with several times that number of readers through this Society's section of "Congregational Work." The magazine meets the needs and wishes of many of the friends of the cause, who have long relied upon it for accurate knowledge of the fields, the aims, needs, growth and success of the work, and who prize its current history and authentic record of our church's work for America's evangelization for more than three-

quarters of a century. The flight of time only adds to the interest and value of these records of early toil, faith and consecration written by fathers and brethren in their lives, honored and beloved for their works' sake, and whose fragrant memory is still among our churches' most precious possessions. Students of history in the present and coming generations may learn from its pages at what cost of labor and sacrifice were laid the foundations of civil, educational and religious institutions that are already the honor, and are to be more and more the glory, of our newer States and Territories. The work and memory of such men of God should not be allowed to perish from the earth.

Brief and familiar communications in the columns of "Congregational Work" will serve to keep our friends in constant touch with the brethren in the field, whose current experience will find in its columns free, familiar, unstudied expression. It is hoped that the publication of our series of timely leaflets, profitable for instruction, stimulus, and encouragement, may be resumed at an early day.

OUR FAMILY SUPPLIES.

In some sections of our home missionary field large crops and full prices, especially for wheat, this year have rewarded labor, and the aided churches, having been able to take a greater share in the support of their ministers, have called for fewer helps in this line than usual. The continuance of financial depression in other sections, however, has kept up urgent calls therefrom, and to these the response from Ladies' Societies and individual friends has been as prompt and generous as ever. The number of boxes, barrels, and other packages of clothing, books, etc., reported to this Society for the year was 839, valued by the givers at \$60,189.05. Reckoning the packages of which the value was not given, at the average of those valued, the estimated sum of this help was \$61,880, raising the amount contributed in family supplies furnished since the account of them began to be preserved to \$2,401,630.00.

The reports from our lady helpers have been even more incomplete than usual; but the grateful acknowledgments of missionaries, in behalf of their families, prove the abundant kindness of friends in more favored churches, while letters from these helpers give assurance that their work has blessed the givers not less than the receivers. It still remains true that in many communities it is much easier for the good women who believe in Home Missions to add to

their cash contributions substantial aid in this form than it would be to increase their money offerings by anything like the same amount. Not a few churches have intimate personal relations with missionary families, which makes this a favorite form of help; and many other circles prize too highly this interchange of free friendly correspondence with the missionaries to relinquish their annual supply. And so, after all these years, thousands of warm hearts and busy hands are keeping alive this method of loving service, evidence of a Christian fellowship most helpful to both parties. It is easy, moreover, to show that in the stronger churches the yearly preparation of family supplies has so deepened the interest in Home Missions as year by year to be adding materially to the money offerings so essential to the steady prosecution of the work. Both forms of giving are needed, and, by the working of a well-known Christian law, each one helps the other. Helpers in either line have our heartiest thanks and best wishes.

AUXILIARIES AND MISSIONARY FIELDS.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

GALEN C. MOSES, ESQ., PRESIDENT. REV. DAVID P. HATCH, SECRETARY.
WILLIAM P. HUBBARD, ESQ., TREASURER, BANGOR.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, PORTLAND, ME.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$7,388 14
From legacies.....	2,864 18
Income from invested funds.....	1,849 94
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	\$12,102 26

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Maine, for the national work, within the year ending March 31,	2,083 63
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions..	\$14,185 89
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The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	1 78
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The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$16,253 27
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One hundred and five missionaries have been in service of this Auxiliary during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with 110 churches and 15 out-stations. Secretary Hatch says : "The policy of the Society may be indicated in one or two directions, which look, we believe, in the right direction. Two experiments in differ-

ent sections of the State are being tried with good success. We refer to the combination under a single pastor of several small fields quite remote from one another. One of these combined parishes, in Penobscot County, includes three small churches, forming a triangular district, with a distance of twelve to fifteen miles between the churches. For the past nine months that pastor has served this large field regularly, preaching in at least two of the churches each Sunday, while he is at any time available for pastoral work and special occasions at any point. This experiment has resulted in the proposal to unite the three churches, all of which had dwindled to very small numbers, into 'a single organization, with three separate congregations. To this field it has been customary for years to send students for the summer, three young men being thus appointed to the three districts each year, and the expense of their service was more than half the amount necessary for the regular work of the settled pastor the year round.

"Aid for student work has been discontinued this year. With the large deficiency in the treasury at the close of the last year, the Board voted to dispense with student aid for the next twelve months, except in a very few neglected districts where little can be raised for the support of the work. The coming summer will find the usual number of students in the field, however; but their compensation will be limited to the amount the churches they serve can pay them independently of the Missionary Society. These small fields, so long aided for summer supplies, will thus find themselves self-supporting this year, with the same amount and grade of work as in former years, and with a growing sense of independence on the part of the churches, which should result in a larger support than heretofore by the churches themselves. The Society, thus relieved from granting student aid to the extent of \$3,000, as it did even three years since, can well employ that amount in other work long waiting to be undertaken, on the condition, however, that the funds shall be forthcoming. Whether this policy of withholding aid for summer supplies may be indefinitely continued remains to be seen; we are confident, at the present, that it is a step in the right direction, and the only one that will result in a larger support from a given class of fields. Student work is valuable under certain conditions, either under the direction of general missionaries or of pastors whose parishes extend over a widely scattered territory.

"The object of the Maine Missionary Society is thus held steadfastly to the front—'to aid Congregational churches in Maine, in the need of assistance, in supporting the preaching of the Gospel.' To

this end, the co-operation of the twenty thousand resident members of our churches in the State is sought and needed. The intelligent support of this constituency is absolutely imperative if the work in years to come is to keep pace with that of the past. Legacies—that large but variable element in the support of our denominational work—are certainly growing fewer in number and amount. The sons and daughters of Maine Congregationalism are not following the footsteps of their parents in loyalty to the home work if the home missionary legacies in view are an indication. But to whom ought the administration of this institution to look for its continuous support if not to the living, active and able membership of the two hundred and fifty churches of the State? They have means in abundance; and if once their duty could be realized to its full extent, this would quickly become evident. It will be only by such a full realization, and consequent response, that depleted missionary treasuries shall become a thing of the past.”

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HON. LYMAN D. STEVENS, TREASURER. OFFICE IN CONCORD.

HON. GEORGE A. RAMSDELL, PRESIDENT. REV. ALFRED T. HILLMAN, SECRETARY.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$5,040 35
From legacies.....	7,814 45
Income from invested funds.....	2,588 90
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	\$15,443 70

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in New Hampshire, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	<hr/>
	6,616 20

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions. . .	\$22,059 90
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, from surplus and by request of donors, within the year ending March 31	\$588 87
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$14,444 15

Fifty-two missionaries have been employed by this Society during the whole or a part of the year.

Secretary Hillman reports: “Sixty-four churches have received aid within the year. The average grant was \$155. Six churches have made extensive repairs upon their property, and Meriden dedicates a new stone church in June to replace the one destroyed by

fire. The meeting-house at Croydon Flat, owned by the Universalist State Convention, has been purchased for the use of our work, and thoroughly refitted. At North Weare, also, our mission comes into possession of a commodious building by the gift of the Free Baptist people. These instances indicate a most commendable spirit as abroad in New Hampshire. Our New Hampshire undertaking gains strength from the willingness of young men to accept service in the smaller towns. A gain is also noted in the permanency of their ministry. In 1894 there were only 29 churches on our list favored with continuous service throughout the year without change in the pastorate, 35 in 1895, 45 in 1896, 50 in 1897, and 55 in 1898. That part of the Whitehouse Fund—about one-half—remaining in the hands of the Trustees was made a permanent fund at the last annual meeting of the Society.

"In equipment, spirit, and in the character of their ministry, observant men say 'our mission churches never stood better than at the present time.' Their judgment is timely, and called out in view of statements, overdrawn, as to the religious destitution of the State at large."

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

HENRY FAIRBANKS, PH.D., PRESIDENT.

REV. CHAS. H. MERRILL, SECRETARY. WM. C. TYLER, ESQ., TREASURER.

OFFICE IN ST. JOHNSBURY.

The receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending March 1 were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$7,175 55
From legacies.....	500 00
Income from invested funds.....	807 22

\$8,482 77

The National Society received from churches, individuals and legacies in Vermont, for the national work, within the year ending March 31,	12,674 50
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions,	\$21,157 27
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$340 81
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1	\$9,715 31

Fifty-eight missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with sixty-three churches and nineteen out-stations.

The Secretary writes: "Only one new church has been added to the roll the past year; but as none have been dropped, we are able to show that our record for a constant and steady increase has not been broken. It is now eight years since any church has been stricken from the roll, and this fact alone will give some indication of the success which has attended the prosecution of missionary work. The vitality which characterizes our body of churches as a whole carries hopefulness and courage to the smaller and feebler organizations, and inspires them to hold fast to what they have and wait with patience for the day of their deliverance.

"We report four churches nominally come to self-support. Except in one instance, the receipt of legacies or some new adjustment of supplies has effected this without changing in any material way the relative strength of the societies. More significant than this is the way in which almost the entire list of missionary fields have met the reduction in aid which has been made necessary by the condition of the treasury. Ministers have encouraged their people to ask for a reduced appropriation; the work has not been diminished.

"The stringency in the treasury has not been due to a falling off in receipts from the living—the last year, on the contrary, has shown a decided advance—but *is* due to a dearth of legacies, and to the end of an emergency fund which has served its purpose. This, at present, is the chief source of solicitude for the future. Unless legacies come again speedily to the rescue, the financial question will present grave problems.

"The supply of men continues at the high-water mark. The four ordinations the past year do not indicate the number who have taken work coming to us from the seminaries and from other States. As mission fields and churches have grown stronger and men have been found to take them, the calls for the work of our young women have become less, and the last year has witnessed some reduction in that direction, both in numbers employed and in work performed. This is not taken as indicating any change in feeling regarding the desirability and efficiency of the special kind of work they do, but rather a change in conditions. The whole State has been gone over by them, and many places they have visited several times. Their very success has put a limit upon the fields open to them.

"Encouragement in the matter of comity comes from the fact that during the past year other denominations have moved to secure a committee and to formulate plans whereby overcrowding and sectarian rivalry may be avoided. As Congregationalists, representing by far the largest church membership in the State, and having a

record the past ten or fifteen years of a steady and healthful growth, we are more than glad to meet them on an equitable basis, and have so indicated. At the same time we feel assured that our record is above criticism. Of the seventeen churches last organized, only two were in places where there was any other religious service when our work began, and those two were in growing communities, where we were welcomed by pastors of other denominations.

"The statistics just compiled for the year book of 1899 show that Vermont has now a larger Congregational membership than either of the other Northern New England States, and this with a smaller population. Probably, as contributing to this, it may be noted that Vermont has fewer cities and fewer large churches than the others, and also that, relatively, other denominations are not as strong. But however this may be, we can be assured that Vermont is a fruitful State to cultivate for those qualities of character which go to make up a sturdy Christian type of manhood, and there is every encouragement to go forward without in any way relaxing zeal or effort."

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FRANKLIN CARTER, LL.D., PRESIDENT. REV. JOSHUA COIT, SECRETARY.
REV. E. B. PALMER, TREASURER. OFFICE IN BOSTON.

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions within the year ending March 1 were.....	\$95,646 24
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Massachusetts, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	79,807 83
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions..	\$175,454 07
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$31,891 12
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$60,861 83

Secretary Coit reports: "One hundred and forty-three stations have been occupied during the year by missionaries of this Society. Eleven general missionaries and one hundred and thirty missionaries have been employed—in all, one hundred and forty-five. Of the one hundred and forty-three stations, thirteen have been 'double' and one hundred and seventeen 'single.' Of the one hundred and forty-three churches and missions occupied, seventy-one may be called permanent and forty-one new; thirty-one are foreign.

"To the seventy-one permanents the total grant was \$16,965. Average grant, \$238.94. To the forty-one new the total grant was \$11,715. Average, \$285.44. To the thirty-one foreign the total grant was \$13,400. Average, \$432.26.

"The work has gone on this last year much the same as in the past. There has been no great gain and no great loss. The quiet, steady preaching of the Gospel in a hundred and more towns has been secured and maintained by the grants of this Society. Who shall tabulate, or who can estimate, the value of this service to men and to the commonwealth? Beyond this, there have been the special evangelistic services held in many places by Rev. R. M. Taft, our State missionary, whose praise is in all the churches he visits. His faithful, tactful labor has been greatly blessed this year. Many churches have been quickened in their spiritual life and many people have been brought to see and know and love Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. In Spencer, Hawley and East Boston the results have been specially manifest.

"The changes in our list of aided churches have been fewer than usual. Six churches have been dropped—Berkeley Temple, Shawmut, Phillips, South Boston—from the evangelistic list, which is now closed out; the Boylston Church, Boston, having been transferred to our regular list. Acton, South and Scituate have become self-supporting, so far as we are concerned. The Prescott Church is off only temporarily. Seven churches have been added—Boston, Swede, and Millville Swede—which have been aided before, as have also Cambridgeport, Hope, South Royalston, and Wayland. Brockton, Lincoln and Montvale are new enterprises.

"The foreign work carried on now by us among Armenians, Finns, French, Germans, Greeks, Italians, Norwegians, Poles and Swedes is of constantly increasing importance; still there is little that is new to be said of it. As an indication of the fact that the foreign wave is by no means spent in our cities and manufacturing towns, take the following figures: A town in Franklin County, seven miles from the railroad, with a population of 599, has on its assessors tax list 237 names, and of these 41 are names of those born abroad. These are distributed as follows: Swedes, 15; French Canadians, 6; Poles, 4; Russians, 4; English, 3; Irish, Hungarian and Scotch, each 2; Austrian, Bulgarian, and Norwegian, each 1.

"This is one; and there are others. So urgent is the need of preaching the Gospel in its purity and personal power to those who have come and are coming among us, and preaching it in their own mother tongue, that, though that part of the Swett legacy set apart

for this purpose will be exhausted this coming year, the necessary expenditure for it must be made even though this should result in smaller gifts from our treasury to the great work in the West—a result which we should greatly deplore. But we hope and pray that with the coming prosperity in business there may be such increase in benevolent gifts that we may carry on this work that God in his providence has laid upon us and still bear our full share of the burden in other parts of the national field.

“We have added one nationality to our list. Miss Josephine Junek, one of Dr. Schauffler’s missionaries, who for a year or more has been laboring among the Poles in Ware, under the auspices of a few ladies of that town, has been passed by them to the care of this Society, and the Woman’s Home Missionary Association has assumed the expense. At first Miss Junek was very roughly treated while seeking to read the Bible to the women; but by her sweet temper and faithful trust in God, she has so won the hearts of the people that she has now free access to all homes and is extending her work to other places where there are many of her people who need to hear and learn of Jesus Christ our Lord.

“The work among the French presents its usual difficulties, renewed opposition by the priests and their faithful ones showing from time to time that progress is being made. The year has not been without gains, especially in Lowell, Fall River, and Pittsfield. There is nothing specially worthy of note in regard to the Finns, Germans, Italians, Norwegians, and Swedes, unless it be that by the zeal of a young lady in Falmouth interesting meetings were held with a body of Italians at work in that town. They were very grateful for the kindness shown them and took and read New Testaments with much apparent interest.

“The old work in the country towns has presented no new features this year except that in several cases young men from the seminaries have entered upon service in small places with true missionary spirit and with uniformly good results. The most marked instance was that of W. Chaffin Fessenden, a young man of unusual ability and consecration, who took a double field, New Boston and Sandisfield, and began his labor in good heart and with every prospect of great success. Within four months, however, fatal disease fell upon him and he was called to the upper and better service. Sad enough that such brilliant promise should be cut off, yet who knows what the final results of his brief labors here will be, and who can imagine the service he is now rendering and what may be attained there? There is an increasing sense of responsibility for the out-districts felt

by our missionaries, and many schoolhouse meetings are being held. The additions to our home missionary churches last year by confession of faith were six and two-thirds per cent. of the membership, while additions by confession of faith in all our churches in the State were but three and five-tenths per cent. The total additions to home missionary churches were eleven and four-tenths per cent., and the total additions to all the churches in the State were but six and seven-tenths per cent. So we may confidently say that the home missionary churches are more than keeping pace with others in the great work of the church.

"In Berkshire County Rev. Silas P. Cook has been doing now for two years a very valuable work, going among the smaller churches and giving encouragement and helpful counsel as well as holding special services. He is esteemed very highly by the pastors, to whom he brings refreshment, and by the churches, to which he offers substantial aid.

"We had during the fall months a home missionary campaign. Secretaries Puddefoot and Shelton, with our Secretary, made addresses in many cities and towns. These addresses were illustrated in the evening by stereopticon views. Large audiences assembled, and were greatly impressed by what they saw as well as heard of home missionary work. Pastors gave repeated and strong testimony to the power of illustrations, as of permanent value. The interest of our churches in the work in other parts of the field besides that at our own doors continues to be great, though gifts have not increased. The multiplicity of appeals for all sorts of good causes, added to the continuance of hard times, is an explanation or excuse more common than satisfactory. Let us hope and pray that with the passing of 'hard times' there will be no need of excuse or explanation, but all the treasuries of the Lord may be filled to overflowing and his work go grandly on."

RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

HON. J. W. DANIELSON, PRESIDENT. REV. J. H. LYON, SECRETARY, CENTRAL FALLS.
JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, TREASURER, OFFICE IN PROVIDENCE.

The receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending December 31 were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$3,907 92
Income from invested funds	93 85
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	\$4,001 77

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Rhode Island, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....		442 71
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions,		\$4,444 48
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, within the year ending March 31.....		\$500 00
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending December 31.....		\$3,660 54

Thirteen missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with sixteen churches and three out-stations.

The Rhode Island Auxiliary reports: "Our Society and the churches of the State have met with a great loss in the death of Rev. Alexander McGregor, who had been Secretary of our Home Missionary Society for nearly twelve years. He was wise and faithful in the duties of the office. The confidence of the churches which he received was fully justified. The work was loved by him, and, though sometimes he felt that it made large demands on the time and strength of a busy pastor, he cheerfully undertook whatever seemed required by it. We shall remember him as one of the most acceptable officers ever called to the administration of the affairs of the Society.

"The number of dependent churches on our list remains about the same as last year. We have in all sixteen churches and stations receiving aid. Besides these, we help to sustain a minister for our large Armenian population in Providence and vicinity. Some, perhaps most, of the churches helped by the Home Missionary Society will be likely to need our fostering care for a long time. They are located in country districts, where the people are few and their means very limited, or in manufacturing districts that yield only a small Protestant congregation. We feel that such communities must not be neglected, or the Gospel denied, because only a little flock can be gathered to hear it. Our Swedish churches, of which we have five on our list, are very promising. One of them, the Swedish of Providence, is very near self-support. The others are prospering. The pastors of all the churches are doing faithful work. They are men in whom we have confidence, and whom we are glad to sustain and commend. The results in conversions have not been very marked, though in some fields there has been a good deal of revival interest and a number of souls have been added to the churches. On the whole, there appears to be an encouraging state of religion as the outcome of the year's work, and our missionary

committee, meeting monthly and keeping in close touch with the stations, feel that the cause has been well sustained."

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

MR. DAVID N. CAMP, SECRETARY. WARD W. JACOBS, ESQ., TREASURER.
OFFICE IN HARTFORD.

The receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending March 1 were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$13,391 82
From legacies	5,046 57
Income from invested funds.....	160 00
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	\$18,598 39

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Connecticut, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	<hr/>
	44,717 20

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions,	\$63,315 59
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from sur- plus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$3,756 24
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and ex- penses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$16,170 93

Seventy-nine missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with seventy-one churches and twenty-nine out-stations.

The Secretary writes: "Of the 62 aided churches to which grants were made for the year ending February 28, 1889, only 28 had parsonages, and 38 funds of any kind, including parsonages. The average salary proposed to be paid by these churches, including, in some cases, the rent of the parsonage, and including the amount paid by the Missionary Society, was \$634. On January 1, 1899, these churches had a membership of 3,616, including 522 absentees. The average membership of each church was 58, or 2 less than last year. The additions in 1898 were: on confession of faith, 213; and by letter, 103—in all, 316. The removals were: by death, 46; by letter, 103; and by revision of rolls and discipline, 131—in all, 280. The Sunday schools enrolled 4,101, and the congregations had 2,970 families.

"Sixty churches had a weekly prayer meeting, and one church had one a part of the time. Fifteen churches had a monthly concert; eleven had such a meeting in part, and thirty-six had none. The charitable offerings of the missionary churches were: contributions, \$3,650.82, or \$7.07 for each church member; and legacies, \$225—in all, \$3,875.82, or 33% of the amount given to the aided churches during the year.

"The seven missions have been conducted with usual success and encouragement, and it is believed that some of them will soon become organized churches. The general missionaries have labored among the Armenians, Danes, French, Germans, Italians and Swedes with varying success. The habits of change of residence from place to place make it more difficult to secure favorable permanent results with some portion of our foreign population, but encouraging reports come from nearly all the missionaries. There are two Danish, one French, one German and fifteen Swedish churches that have the Gospel in a foreign language, with an average membership of 49, or a total of 934. In 1898, 114 persons were added to these churches on profession, and 144 children were baptized. Other nationalities than those mentioned are soon to demand the attention of the Missionary Society; the large influx of foreigners into our cities and manufacturing towns makes it imperative that work among these people should be prosecuted with vigor.

"*State Missionary.*—In February, 1898, Rev. Howard W. Pope was appointed State Missionary, and reappointed in February, 1899.

"*Resignation of the Secretary.*—The resignation of Rev. Wm. H. Moore, Secretary, was received by the Directors with profound regret at their meeting held November 15, 1898. Mr. Moore had been Secretary of the Missionary Society since 1864, and State Missionary from 1862 to December 31, 1897. He had also been Registrar of the General Association since 1866, and Registrar and Statistical Secretary of the General Conference since 1869. In this long-continued period of faithful service, extending more than the time of a generation, Mr. Moore had been so identified with all the work of the Missionary Society, and had been brought into such close relations with ministers and churches, that his absence will be deeply felt. The Directors of the Missionary Society adopted the following resolution as an expression of their sentiments :

"*Resolved*, That, in compliance with Mr. Moore's wishes and requests, the directors of this Board hereby accept his resignation, to take effect at the annual meeting in February next, expressing at the same time their grateful appreciation of his long and faithful service in the office which he now resigns, their great esteem and affection for him, their tender sympathy with him in respect of his impaired health, and the earnest hope that the relief from official burdens which he requests at their hands, and which they regretfully grant, may prove conducive to his health and comfort."

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY.

The one hundredth anniversary of the Missionary Society of Connecticut was commemorated at the meeting of the General Con-

ference at Danbury, November 15, 1898, and an historical discourse was delivered by Rev. Edwin Pond Parker, D.D.

The General Association of Connecticut in 1793 adopted a plan for sending missionaries to the Indians and to the new settlements in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and Pennsylvania, and had collections taken for the expenses. For the period 1793-1798 the receipts were \$3,750.63, and 22 ministers, all of whom but three were pastors of churches, served as missionaries.

The Missionary Society of Connecticut was organized June 21, 1798. The amount raised in Connecticut for home missions, 1793-1898, was \$3,990,986.31, of which \$3,351,823.10 was for work outside the State, and \$639,163.21, including the amount received from the National Society under the compact of 1893, was for State use.

NEW YORK HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. EDWARD N. PACKARD, D.D., PRESIDENT. REV. ETHAN CURTIS, SYRACUSE, SECRETARY. WILLIAM SPALDING, ESQ., SYRACUSE, TREASURER.

The receipts for the year, including specials for missionary work, have been \$28,057.73. Fifty-eight missionaries have been in the service of this Society during the whole or a part of the year in connection with sixty-nine churches and stations.

Secretary Curtis says: "The year, on the whole, has been a good one, though the work was much retarded in the winter months by sickness and unfavorable weather. The churches are quite fully supplied with pastors, who have done faithful and fruitful work. While there have not been many revivals in the ordinary sense of that word, there has been a religious interest resulting in conversions and the quickening of the churches on a number of fields. In several instances union efforts in the community have resulted in bringing considerable additions to our churches. In the late autumn and early winter a series of fellowship meetings, usually under the leadership of the Secretary, drew churches nearer together and were effective in deepening the spiritual life of their members. The financial burden was somewhat relieved during the summer months by a timely legacy or two and by the goodly contributions of some of the large churches. Beginning with October, the pressure of deficiency came again, and the receipts for some of the months thereafter were so small as to make it difficult to continue the work. For example, February brought in only \$437, whereas \$2,300 were needed to pay our running expenses. The closing month of the year brought considerable relief, so that our indebtedness at the

end of it was only about \$1,800. The total receipts of the year are \$25,837.73, being \$16,278.50 contributions, and \$9,559.23 legacies; but as \$2,548.95 were 'Specials,' designed for work outside the State, our actual receipts for work in our territory have been \$23,288.78. Our missionaries have borne the deprivations of the year with so much patience that our Board, at its meeting on March 7th, passed a vote of thanks to these faithful workers for their courageous bearing in the time of trial. In January all the home missionary fields in the Metropolitan district were visited by the Secretary, and addresses made in eight of them. Mention should be made of work on individual fields. St. Luke's, Elmira, under the care of General Missionary Gurney, has succeeded in obtaining the new church for which it has been praying and working for the last eight years. Plymouth Mission, in Buffalo, lost its successful pastor, Rev. A. L. Grien, who went to the neighboring Pilgrim church; and Rev. John L. Franklin, formerly pastor at Pilgrim church, takes his place at Plymouth Mission. In the city of Buffalo a new field has been providentially thrust upon us—the 'Strangers' Chapel'—which is now being temporarily supplied by Rev. L. G. Rogers of the double field, Fitch Memorial and East Buffalo. In the Greater New York district, Tuckahoe has succeeded in obtaining a permanent pastor, Rev. G. A. Viets, with prospect of a new church edifice. Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, which had become much discouraged, is now being revived and set forward in its work by Rev. George H. Smith. Coney Island, which has been so long a trial to its friends, is being reorganized, and is taking on a more hopeful aspect, under the labors of Rev. E. D. Kelsey. The Armenian work, which was organized at the beginning of the year and placed under the efficient ministry of Rev. H. H. Khazoyan, has had the privilege of meeting in Adams Chapel, New York City, and has had large and growing congregations. The chapel of the Port Morris Church has been completed, and, under the earnest labors of Rev. W. T. Stokes, a large Sunday School and goodly congregation gathered.

"There has been less church building or repairing than usual, but mention should be made of the completion of the new church at Lakewood, under the pastorate of Rev. R. E. Brown. General Missionary Jones has visited a large number of fields during the year, in several holding special services for a week or more. He withdraws from the work of the Society at the close of the year. Rev. H. E. Gurney, besides being pastor at St. Luke's, Elmira, has gone out for occasional trips, holding fellowship meetings and mak-

ing special addresses in the interests of a more earnest Christian life. The Secretary considers this his busiest year, having visited seventy churches and held ninety-six conferences on church or home missionary work and traveled 14,000 miles."

OHIO HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. CLARENCE A. VINCENT, D.D., PRESIDENT. REV. JOHN G. FRASER, D.D.,
CLEVELAND, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The receipts of this Auxiliary from churches in the Ohio Conference, as reported to the National Society, have been \$9,369.52, and the expenditures \$7,775. The receipts for work of the Cleveland Bohemian Board have been \$765.24, and the expenditures \$3,763.85.

Thirty-five missionaries have been in service during the whole or part of the year in connection with thirty-seven churches and stations. The following report is presented by the Ohio Home Missionary Society:

A YEAR OF SELF-SUPPORT.

The arrangement for self-support and a State treasury went into effect, so far as the general work was concerned, June 1st; and for the Slavic work, October 1st. The National Society, in its own time of extremity, has loyally kept its promises to the Ohio Society. Under the old sliding scale it paid, in the first six months of the year, the expense of the Slavic work, \$2,180.36, less \$293.70 raised in Ohio, or \$1,886.66. In the last six months of the year, under the new agreement, it paid to the treasury of the Ohio Society, in monthly instalments, one-half of the expense of the work, or \$1,111.95—a total contribution of \$2,998.61. It has also remitted to the Ohio Treasury, from time to time, the aggregate sum of \$2,389.65 for the general work. It is a satisfaction to remember that, of the about \$3,000 thus secured by the National Society from outside Ohio and spent in Ohio, it has received back by legacy named above about \$1,600.

WHAT NEXT?

The special report was received a year ago with enthusiasm, and its recommendations adopted with unanimity. The fellowship missionary meetings were well attended. Self-respect should lead on to self-support. But contributions still steadily decline. Of the twelve auxiliary States, by the National Society's figures in 1898, Illinois, from living members, gave \$1 a member for Home Missions; Massachusetts, 96 cents; New Hampshire, 89 cents; Maine, 85 cents; New

York, 69 cents; Wisconsin, 61; Vermont, 56; Connecticut, 54; Rhode Island, 51; Michigan, 46; Iowa, 37; and Ohio, 24. During the year just past this has fallen to 17 cents. If we count, as Illinois seems to do, the receipts of city missionary societies, even this brings up the per capita to only 25 cents.

Will we not take for our rallying cry

FIFTY CENTS A MEMBER FOR HOME MISSIONS!

and never be satisfied until we reach it?

Is it not a dishonor to the State to lag at the end of this list?

Will we pledge ourselves at this meeting to a continuous campaign for increase of gifts? But six churches in the State exceeded this rate of 50 cents the past year, and in four of these there were large personal gifts. One of the other two is a home missionary church. At the other end of the line is a church of 250 members, liberally aided by the Society in its early history, which gave 4 cents a member, and a church of between 300 and 400 members which gave 2 cents a member.

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

HON. THOMAS C. MACMILLAN, PRESIDENT. REV. JAMES TOMPKINS, D.D., SECRETARY. AARON B. MEAD, ESQ., TREASURER. OFFICE IN CHICAGO.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, for Home Missions, within the year ending March 1, were	\$54,283 52
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	1,927 29
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions...	\$56,210 81
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	25 00
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$53,645 59

Secretary Tompkins says: "The missionary force employed has been as follows: One state superintendent, one city missionary superintendent, one evangelist, ninety pastors, two Bible readers, and twenty-seven non-commissioned workers, who have performed temporary service, in some cases without compensation—making a total of 122.

"The number of churches aided in support of pastors is 108; besides which twenty-four missions have been supplied with services; also, fifty-eight churches have been visited by the missionary evangelist—making a total of 166. The year has been the most unevent-

ful in the history of the Society. This is accounted for by the fact that no new work has been undertaken. Only two churches have been organized, and these have sprung up, in connection with the labors of missionaries, in such manner as to entail no additional expense. The Society closed its accounts last year with an indebtedness both in its general and its city auxiliary departments. An increase in receipts and a rigid reduction in expenditures have lessened this deficit. Such increase another year would put the Society upon its former normal working basis.

“The evangelistic service has been continued by the energetic labors of one man. He has been the instrumentality through which increased faith and larger spiritual activity have come to many churches. He has visited pastorless churches, often preparing the way for calling a pastor and for his support without home missionary aid. This arm of the service has been used exclusively in the enlargement and strengthening of the churches. In several cases churches have welcomed into fellowship, as the result of these labors, a sufficient number to double the ability of the church as a working power in the community.

“The attempt has been made to quicken the zeal and Christian patriotism of our citizens, and to induce them to enlarge their gifts, together with their sympathies, for the Christianization of our ever-broadening land.”

MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PROF. JOSEPH J. DANIELS, D.D., PRESIDENT. REV. H. P. DEFORD, D.D., CHAIRMAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES. REV. WILLIAM H. WARREN, D.D., SECRETARY.
REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, TREASURER.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, for Home Missions, within the year ending March 1, were.....	\$18,878 93
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Michigan, for the national work, within the year ending March 1,	59 40
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions,	\$18,938 33
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1	\$15,724 87

Secretary Warren reports: “Sixty-six missionaries have served 63 fields, with 95 churches and stations, during the past year. There have been only two new churches organized during the year, and neither of these is dependent upon the home missionary treasury.

“Two churches formerly aided were restored to the home missionary roll, while five churches have assumed self-support either by

yoking with other churches or by reason of ability to care for themselves. It has not been a year of revival experience, and the additions to the churches are less than in former years. Three churches have completed church buildings.

"One marked feature of Michigan during the year covered by this report is that the heavy burden of the debt which has been pressing and depressing for several years has been paid in full. The debt was canceled at the last annual meeting at Grand Rapids, and a heavy burden was lifted from many hearts. Still, the heroic and self-denying effort to remove the debt has been felt in some measure in the diminished receipts, during the first part of the year, for the current expenses. All are hopeful, however, that the increased receipts during the closing weeks of the year will make good the deficiency.

"For the last few years the expenditure for our home missionary work has been on a constantly diminishing scale. Two results of this course are to be regretted. One is, that some of our most faithful and self-denying missionaries and their families have been compelled some of the time to make bricks without straw. Not a little discomfort, not to say suffering, has been endured in consequence. Not one word of complaint has ever been heard, however, from any one of them. The other result is, that in several instances where thousands of dollars have been spent and much faithful work has been done in the past, the work has been abandoned altogether for the time being. Unless it can be resumed at these points in the near future, the labor and expenditure of former years will be lost. If, however, a forward movement can soon be made, the lost ground will be regained. This will be our aim and endeavor during the coming year.

"The work in the two larger cities of the state, Detroit and Grand Rapids, has engrossed an increasing portion of the attention and interest of the workers and givers in those communities. Arrangements have been nearly completed for bringing our city and state work into closer relations with each other, to the advantage of all."

WISCONSIN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. G. R. LEAVITT, D.D., PRESIDENT. REV. HOMER W. CARTER, D.D., BELOIT,
SECRETARY. C. M. BLACKMAN, ESQ., WHITEWATER, TREASURER.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, for Home Missions, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches, individuals, legacies, and income..... \$8,494 31

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Wisconsin, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....		\$518 73
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions,		\$9,013 04
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and ex- penses, within the year ending March 1.....		\$13,280 95

The Secretary reports: "Eighty-two churches have been cared for by fifty missionaries, not including two district missionaries, and two others employed for short terms. Nine churches have been organized, including two that were self-supporting from the start. One has assumed self-support, and two, formerly self-supporting, have been received temporarily into the aided list.

"For the year ending October 1, 1898, additions to missionary churches have been: upon confession, 198; by letter, 41; total, 239; which, with the membership of new churches, 141, makes the full number of new members 380.

"The sudden death of Superintendent T. G. Grassie, of North Wisconsin, as noted in the North Wisconsin report, with the attendant readjustments, has resulted in an unexpected, immediate forward movement for entire support of the work through the State Society not later than October 1, next. Features of the forward movement have been as follows, viz.: A conference at Madeline Island, Lake Superior, August 10th, attended by about forty representatives from different parts of the State; resolutions at the annual September meeting in Sparta, calling for the forward movement as above, and pledging pastors to endeavor to secure something from everyone for Home Missions during the year; and in each case, so far as practicable, a total of as many dollars as there are resident church members, arriving at a grand total of \$18,000. Allied with this is the effort through a special committee to secure pledges for special gifts annually for five years, from those able to make them as extras. In addition, there have been general and local rallies, with special circular letters and large use of the columns of our 'Church Life,' in the interests of this forward movement to entire self-support, after a dozen years of aid for North Wisconsin as a separate and dependent missionary district.

"The release, for a time, from district missionary service of our veteran, Rev. R. L. Cheney, was regretfully consented to, in view of the critical condition of Endeavor Academy and Church, which only Mr. Cheney, with his general wisdom and long connection, seemed likely to be able, as principal and pastor, to put into a substantial condition.

"This change puts additional burdens upon District Missionary Dexter and Missionary Assistant Macumber.

"The returning financial prosperity, with the awakening of the churches through the forward movement, points to the coming year as one of successful expansion and spiritual conquest."

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. TRUMAN O. DOUGLASS, D.D., GRINNELL, SECRETARY. J. H. MERRILL, ESQ.,
DES MOINES, TREASURER.

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches, individuals, legacies, and income	\$14,396 40
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Iowa, for the national work, within the year ending March 31,	544 94

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions,	\$14,941 34
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.	\$14,509 76

Secretary Douglass reports: "The missionary force employed during the whole or a part of the year numbered 89, all of these being missionary *pastors* excepting 2—the General Missionary and a Bible Reader. Three of the 89 were women; 16 preached in foreign tongues, 8 being Germans, 5 Scandinavians, 2 Bohemians, and 1 Welsh.

"Forty-seven of the missionaries made no change of places during the year. The time of their service aggregated 66 years.

"The missionary fields this year numbered 102, and about half as many more out-stations regularly supplied. The membership of these churches is about 6,000. Their average congregations aggregate about 8,000. The Sunday school army of the missionary churches is about 9,000 strong. These churches are well equipped with church buildings, only 5 of the 102 not having houses of worship, and 3 of the 5 are to build this summer. Parsonages, however, are scarce, only 27 of the missionary churches furnishing homes for their pastors. Frequent moving is one of the hardships of the Home Missionary.

"*Some of the accomplishments* of the year are as follows:

"1. Seven churches were organized—two in cities, one in a large town, two in villages where there were no other churches, and two in country places. One of the city churches, however, is as yet a branch church, and the other, the Greenwood of Des Moines, is in no way dependent on the Home Missionary Society. The church has organ-

ized itself into a Home Missionary Society and a Church Building Society, and will ask no aid.

"2. Seven churches during the year came to self-support. All of these were comparatively young churches, the oldest sixteen, the youngest five, and each of the others eight years of age. The Society expended on these churches only \$6,580, one receiving \$2,225, and another only \$300.

"3. Four houses of worship were erected on home missionary ground during the year, the cost of these buildings being about \$5,000; and about the same amount was expended in the building of five home missionary parsonages.

"4. There were but few marked revivals among the missionary churches in the year, but a score or more had seasons of special religious interest, and nearly all had additions on confession of faith. Statistics indicate that our missionary churches increase in membership more rapidly than do our self-supporting churches. The missionary churches, representing less than one-sixtieth of our numerical force, last year furnished one-fourth of our numerical increase.

"The best results of this service cannot be tabulated, for in it men are won to Christian discipleship and built up in Christian character; an intelligent Christianity, love of liberty and patriotism are fostered; constituencies for a world-wide evangelism are created and enlarged; agencies for the redemption of the world are raised up, and forces are generated for the increase of the kingdom of God the world around."

**PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA, AND VIRGINIA.**

REV. T. W. JONES, D.D., PHILADELPHIA, PA., SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this district have been \$11,880.01.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Thirty-eight missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with fifty-one churches and stations.

NEW JERSEY.—Ten missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with thirteen churches and stations.

MARYLAND.—Four missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with five churches and stations.

Throughout the year closing March 31st the churches have experienced severe struggles to keep their heads above water, but the new year opens with much brighter prospects. Thousands of dollars will soon be paid in liquidating the debts; and some churches, after this is done, have concluded to advance the salaries of worthy pastors who have been carrying almost crushing financial burdens. The churches in the iron districts cannot but feel the benefit of the boom in iron industries, resulting in advance pay to all grades of workers. There is an improvement also in the coal districts, but not to the same extent. Notwithstanding hard times, the spiritual work of the churches has been remarkably well sustained, through the earnest fidelity of heroic pastors and faithful men and women in the churches of this district.

Take the churches of this district as a whole, in no year has a larger number enjoyed special religious interest. It is a fact worth noting that the most spiritual churches have been best sustained financially, and I presume this has been the case with churches of all denominations throughout the land. Churches spiritually alive, churches in sympathy with the travail of the Saviour's soul for the salvation of the world, seem to be under the special care and protection of our Lord, according to his promise that if they will make paramount the interests of His kingdom they shall not lack needed support. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all other things shall be added." I don't believe the Lord ever allowed a church to die for want of financial support that was partially alive. It is worldly, selfish churches that die, because the Saviour has no use for them. Barren fig trees that bear no fruit are cumberers of the ground, exhausters of the soil, standing in the way of the progress of the kingdom.

A few churches which in the past did good service and manifested much spiritual interest have, because largely of local changes, apparently no future before them. Their usefulness, however, may be continued for some time yet if they could unite, in the spirit of Christian love, under a missionary pastor serving three or four of them. Thus uniting, they could maintain a pastor. Unless they do this, their days of mere breathing existence will be soon at an end.

Of the new churches which have been recognized at Reading, Philadelphia and McKeesport in the past year, the future only can tell whether their recognition was wise. They are numerically small, and planted in important centres. Three of them brought to us good brick edifices, and two of them are without debt. They seem to be spiritually alive, and centres of missionary activity. Had we the

money to help them while passing through their struggles, I think their future would be safe.

NORTH CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE.

The contributions from this district have been \$112.95.

NORTH CAROLINA.—One missionary has been employed within the year. One Sunday school reports a membership of sixty-nine.

TENNESSEE.—Two missionaries have been in commission within the year, in connection with three churches. Two Sunday schools report a membership of 140.

Doubtless the work in these two States might be effectively increased with sufficient funds to back such an advance. As it is, however, no gain has been made or attempted in the number of fields or laborers.

Pilgrim Church, Knoxville, still maintains the high standard of its name under Dr. Frazee. Financial trials have pressed heavily, but neither pastor nor church has weakened, or lost faith in the future.

At Chattanooga the experiment of uniting the Central and East Lake Churches under the ministerial care of Rev. Mr. McCallie has been quite as successful as such efforts, where one good man is needed at both points, ever are. The best that can be said for such an arrangement is its economy, and economy is the first thing in this day of empty treasury, growing debt, and scant receipts.

At Tryon, North Carolina, the year has been somewhat disturbed by certain internal troubles, which seem now to be settled, and Rev. Mr. Winter and his devoted band are not only holding the ground but slowly gaining upon the enemy.

FLORIDA.

REV. S. F. GALE, JACKSONVILLE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this State, within the year, have been \$951.23.

Twenty-six missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with seventy-one churches and stations. Forty-two Sunday schools report a membership of 1,885.

Superintendent Gale says: "The year under review is a difficult one to summarize. It is a marked one in our Florida history. It is, more than any one of the sixteen years of the Society's present work here, a year of mixed encouragements and discouragements, of mingled hope and disappointment.

“The excitements incident to the recent war were in many ways a stimulus to the churches, from Key West to Tampa and Jacksonville. All of them had been in intensest sympathy with the Cubans and their cause. All, in their various ways, did battle for righteousness and patriotism, and greatly rejoiced in the victory given to our army and navy. And the autumn showed most gratifyingly that the exodus from the State following the disastrous freeze of 1895 had come to a halt, and that in fact immigration and capital were coming in. The tide had turned.

“There was general confidence that long-delayed prosperity was at hand; that the prostration visited upon the peninsular portion of the State was at an end; that communities and churches would no longer be depleted by removals; and that the hard discipline of ‘the times,’ of shrinkage in church treasuries and of retrenchment in the Society’s work, was over.

“Then came the record-breaking cold wave of February, and with it the lessened apportionment for the year. So the year closes. It is difficult to state the outlook. If the future is to be judged by the past, it is safe to say that our cause is but temporarily checked, and will, in spite of all, and, perhaps, peculiarly blessed by trial and discipline, make the better if not the greater increase.

“The statistics of some of our home missionary churches show a large absenteeism, but there is no case of it which does not rather reflect credit than blame on the church. Pastoral changes have been very few, and in no case, so far, directly attributable to the necessarily meagre salary.

“The year does not show that even one church has reached self-support by aid of the Society. It is my opinion that of the forty-five churches aided by the Society, out of our total of seventy-seven in the State, at least a score would have attained their independence but for the disasters that have visited the State in these last ten years. In several churches progress toward that goal has been made, which is, under the circumstances, quite remarkable.

“Our State Association, to meet with the Key West church, will find itself assembled only ninety miles distant from Havana. This may be taken as an index to the interest felt by our churches, and especially by the Florida Woman’s Home Missionary Union and its friends, in the Cuban mission at Tampa. It is due to this good work and to Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Herrick to say that the year has been one of rare opportunities, and, with the added blessing of the Great Deliverer, that ‘hath broken in pieces the oppressor,’ a year also of large success. One indication of this is the fact that our Cuban

church gained a membership of more than one hundred, and has given a score or more as the nucleus of a Cuban church in Havana.

"On the whole, Florida still thanks God and takes courage."

ALABAMA.

REV. S. F. GALE, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this State were \$183.79.

Forty missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with 101 churches and stations. Four churches have been organized. Five houses of worship have been built. Fifty Sunday schools report a membership of 2,165.

Superintendent Gale reports: "Besides the usual statistics of the year, there is not much to report from Alabama. The year has not been one of such marked growth in number of churches and of ministers as has been reported hitherto. The opportunity for growth, similar to that of previous years, has not been wanting, however, nor has the call to enter populous cities in the State been less marked; the limitation has been exclusively in the available funds for the work.

"While new work was precluded, the increase of our ministerial force, whether by ordinations or recruits from other denominations, has been discouraged. And, what is much needed, attention has been given more than ever to increasing the efficiency of the ministry, and, generally, to raising its standard.

"In prosperous towns and populous cities our churches must be planted in order that our denomination may occupy its proper place in this State. There can be no doubt that the opportunity is still ours because of the wonderful development of new settlements and various manufacturing interests in this State of marvelous material resources.

"As Acting Superintendent, it has not seemed to me as either fitting or possible that plans comprehensive and calculated to effect radical changes should be made. Accordingly, I have scarcely undertaken more than to help Alabama affairs to hold the even tenor of their ways."

GEORGIA.

REV. FRANK E. JENKINS, ATLANTA, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this State have been \$230.40.

Seventeen missionaries have been in commission during the

whole or a part of the year in connection with fifty-one churches and stations.

Twenty Sunday schools report a membership of 1,264.

Superintendent Jenkins says: "The close of the year ending February 28, 1899, finds the work being done in Georgia, under the supervision of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, but little different from what it was one year ago. And the fact that no marked advancement has been made after so much labor and money have been put into the work would at first appear to be very discouraging; but when it is remembered that all missionary work, whether at home or abroad, is slow and expensive, and that the year just closed has been one of commotion in the political world and depression in the financial world, even a small advance will be regarded as an evidence of effort in the right direction.

"The statistics recently gathered in the different annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, show, with all its advantages in every way, a falling off of many thousands in its membership during the year 1898. If then one of the most highly favored and popular churches could not hold its own against the tide flowing against religious work, certainly the weak and struggling Congregational churches in Georgia, battling against the common evils which arrested the progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, augmented by the prejudices which are based on the old fire-brands of sectional animosity, will not be so seriously blamed if they have only been able to hold their own.

"During the year there has been a loss of five churches which appeared in the Year Book of 1898. Of this number four have never had any house of worship, which fact no doubt contributed largely to the result we have witnessed. All five of said churches were feeble organizations, and in some instances a part of their membership has united with other Congregational churches, so that in the aggregate the loss in membership has not been large.

"Three new churches have been added to the list. One of these has already secured a good lot and built a reasonably comfortable house of worship, while the other two are in localities where there is good ground to hope for permanency and helpfulness in their future life.

"The decrease in our aid has had a rather depressing influence by preventing the occupancy of desirable openings for new work. But of course this could not be helped, and we have kept well inside of our decreased appropriation.

"The increase in membership in the churches under my super-

vision, including the new churches, has been in round numbers 124. The loss in all directions, including the churches dropped, aggregates 80, leaving a net gain of 44 members.

"Revivals have been reported in eight different localities, resulting in 60 conversions and 90 accessions to the various churches on profession of faith.

"Only one new church house has been built, and three have been materially repaired. One church has assumed self-support, while others are hoping to reach that point in the near future. In looking over the field at the close of the year I feel that 'thus far the Lord hath led us on.'"

MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

REV. A. K. WRAY, KANSAS CITY, MO., SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this district, within the year, were \$2,348.31.

Forty missionaries were employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with forty-five churches and stations. Thirty-nine Sunday schools report a membership of 4,181.

Superintendent Wray writes: "It has been an exceedingly trying year. The fruit crop was almost a total failure all over the State. In the southern part of Missouri and northern portions of Arkansas this is the main dependence. Other crops, on account of continued rains in the spring of 1898, were reduced to about one-half the usual yield. But by mutual sacrifices of pastors and people all of the churches have had services, and have done creditable work. The average salary of pastors outside Kansas City has been lower than for years. More churches than for several years have enjoyed special revival. Pastors have assisted each other in special meetings, which have greatly increased the spiritual activity of churches and strengthened the bond of fellowship. More out-station work has been done than formerly. At least five missions have been regularly served and Sunday school and Endeavor work kept up. All of these missions, save perhaps one, ought to be organized into churches with pastors. The only reason why it is not done is for want of money. Grandin has declared self-support, and Central Church, Springfield, has been consolidated with the First Church of the same city. Willow Springs sustained severe loss in the burning of its house of worship, January 29th; but with true courage they have voted to rebuild at once. Carthage has had a prosperous year, and has voted self-support.

Green Ridge has repaired and beautified its house of worship, and declared self-support.

"The work at Eagle Mills has been reopened, and promises well. This is one of the many lumber camps in Arkansas where there are no regular religious services. There are from 300 to 1,000 people in each of these places. We should have ministers in every one of them. These people need the Gospel. 'How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?' We might add, How shall they be sent without the means of subsistence? Plenteous harvests, but no reapers."

ST. LOUIS MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending March 1, 1899, were \$3,047.70, and the outlay upon its own field for missionary labor and expenses was \$3,307.91.

HOPE.

Superintendent Wray writes: "The pastor, who had served this church seven years, resigned May, 1898, to accept a call to Tabernacle Church, Kansas City, and a new pastor was called to the pastorate. Almost from the first day of his work the church has shown evidence of improvement. Audiences fill house to its limit. Sunday school has increased in numbers until a temporary addition to the church was absolutely necessary. This has been built and paid for.

MEMORIAL.

"This has been the best year in the history of this church, notwithstanding the loss of its oldest, most able and most faithful worker by death. It has raised more money for its own support than for several years, paid all its necessary expenses promptly, and also paid some indebtedness. Audiences have increased in size and regularity of attendance. Sunday school has doubled in numbers and efficiency.

IMMANUEL.

"This field has suffered greatly from removals and from its isolated location, owing to failure of street railway to project its line to the neighborhood. In addition, it had to part with its pastor, who accepted call to another State. But under the leadership of a new pastor it has taken fresh courage, and promises well for the future.

RIVER PLACE.

"The outlook for this church is not hopeful. It has an inferior and wholly inadequate building, unfortunately located, and has suffered severely from removals. A new site has been secured for a new building, upon which rests a mortgage for \$1,200. It is impossible to build the new church on this site until the old is disposed of. The interest on the mortgage, together with their share of the expenses of maintaining services, is growing a very heavy and disheartening burden to both pastor and people.

OLIVE BRANCH.

"This church was yoked with People's Tabernacle six months ago. The pastor and his able assistants have revolutionized the work, and its progress and present condition are most gratifying and hopeful. The Sunday school has increased and prayer meetings and Endeavor attendance greatly improved.

PEOPLE'S TABERNACLE.

"This church is now cared for entirely by lay workers, both as to support and in all lines of church work. This is confessedly an experiment, but so far has met all our expectations. It is located in one of the darkest quarters of the city—has a very poor building. Good audiences gather twice on Sunday, and a Sunday school of 125 or more meets each Sunday. Able consecrated men and women have pledged themselves to the work without pay, and God is blessing their efforts.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT (MAPLEWOOD).

"This church has had a successful year. It has met promptly all financial obligations. By unanimous vote the church assumed self-support from April 1, 1899. This is perhaps the best located and best equipped of any of our younger churches, and its future is bright.

UNION CHURCH.

"This is pre-eminently our downtown church, in the centre of a dense population, composed of various nationalities, and under the shadow of some of the strongest Catholic churches. The Protestant element is small and shifting. This has, however, been a most satisfactory year. More money has been contributed for church support than ever before, showing a more stable life. The Sunday school and

prayer meeting have been better attended than formerly. The Endeavor Society is one of the best, from a spiritual standpoint, in the city."

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

REV. LUTHER REES, PARIS, TEXAS, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this district have been \$122.97.

TEXAS.—Six missionaries have been in service in connection with four churches. Four Sunday schools report a membership of 345.

LOUISIANA.—Six missionaries have been employed in connection with nine churches. Eight Sunday schools report a membership of 437.

Superintendent Rees says: "I am glad to be able to report that the blessing of God has been upon the work of our Society in Texas and Louisiana during the past year. We have met with some discouragements, but, on the whole, the work has advanced.

"In Louisiana all our churches have suffered more or less from a failure of the rice crop. The church at Lake Charles mourns the loss of its devoted pastor, Rev. B. C. Mills, who fell asleep in the Lord, January 29, 1899, after a year of faithful service. The work in Piny Woods under the care of Rev. Paul Leeds has been much blessed, two new organizations having been formed. The church at Jennings, under Rev. George N. Funk, has reached self-support during the year and has enjoyed a season of blessing resulting in many conversions and in deepening the spiritual life of the membership.

"In Texas several of the churches have suffered from changes in pastorates, but all are now well manned and with pastors who, I think and trust, have the 'staying qualities' so much needed here. There is an increased stability manifest in most of our organizations. In East Texas a strong, spontaneous Congregational movement has developed during the year. Several Sunday schools and two churches have been organized, and calls are being made for many more. At our recent Association meeting all were deeply impressed with the hopeful character of this work. All of this was brought about without the use of missionary funds, and it promises to be the beginning of great things. Rev. J. C. Huntington, of the Sunday School Society, after spending a month with us, considers the field the most promising he has ever seen.

"We have organized at Port Arthur, Texas, with good prospects,

and believe this will be the entering wedge into the coast country, which is rapidly filling up with a population largely from the North and West.

"The opportunities for the extension of Congregationalism in Texas and Louisiana are many and most pressing. Many urgent calls for our church come from country districts in both States. We are being implored to push the work among the French Creoles in Southern Louisiana. We still have but one church among the 250,000 Spanish population in Texas, but we are glad to report that, through the kindness of the Congregational Church Building Society, it has been comfortably housed. I do not understand why the Panhandle, or Northwest Texas, is not as good a field for our church as Oklahoma. Nearly all the large cities in both Texas and Louisiana are without Congregational churches.

"If Texas was 'an ungrasped opportunity' ten years ago, what is it to-day? While the State has been making rapid strides in population and wealth, our Society has been forced to reduce its expenditures.

"The field is white, the need is great. Let Congregationalists ponder the words in Esther 4: 14, l. c.: 'And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'"

NORTH WISCONSIN.

REV. HOMER W. CARTER, D.D., BELOIT, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this district within the year have been \$350.21. Twenty-eight missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year in connection with forty-four churches and twenty-six stations. Thirty-one Sunday schools report a membership of 1,958.

Superintendent Carter says: "Including nine Scandinavian churches and one German church, twenty-eight churches, with five out-stations, are now supplied by twenty-four missionaries, viz.: thirteen American, eight Scandinavian and one German, and two District Missionaries—one among the Scandinavians.

"One church, Medford, has been organized, one new parsonage has been opened, one house of worship has been enlarged and rededicated, and one missionary has been installed and ordained. Six places report special meetings, with revival interest.

"Superintendent Thomas G. Grassie's sudden death, April 28th, cast its deep shadow over the opening of the year. This unexpected

event, with the hope of early self-support of the entire State through the State Society, led to the appointment of Secretary Homer W. Carter, of the Wisconsin Society, as Superintendent for North Wisconsin, with Rev. J. D. Whitelaw as District Missionary for the Northern Territory, both beginning their term of service July 1st.

"Mr. Grassie's strong aggressive leadership in Wisconsin home missions for the past fifteen years, including his nine years of Secretaryship of the State Society, has left its mark in the high standards magnified and in the marked advancement of the work. His loss, to the State and to the cause, is inestimable.

"A helpful tour of the North Wisconsin fields during the month of August was made by the Superintendent, accompanied for most of the trip by Superintendent G. C. Haun, of the Congregational Sunday School and Publication Society, whose long acquaintance with the field, and genial, earnest co-operation, made the trip peculiarly valuable.

"The northern part of our State, with its growing towns and developing country regions, with large populated sections religiously destitute, is as distinctively missionary territory as any in our country, and will call for large and increasing expenditure of labor and funds for years to come.

"The State Society assumes a large and growing responsibility in taking upon itself the care of this section, but the sentiment is strong that the National Society ought not longer to be asked to relieve us of this burden, but rather that we can and ought to arise to this grave responsibility and seek the enlargement of heart which will soon cause our treasury also to overflow into the needy national treasury.

"North Wisconsin would add its expression of gratitude to the mother Society and the generous supporters that have cared for its need in all these years, and also express the hope that it will prove worthy of its inheritance, its opportunity, and its obligation."

OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

REV. J. H. PARKER, KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions from this missionary district within the year, \$372.16.

OKLAHOMA.—Fifty-one missionaries have been employed, during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with eighty-eight churches and stations. Sixty Sunday schools report a membership of 3,518.

"The work of the year just closing has been, in several respects,

the hardest of all. Prominent among the reasons for this state of affairs is indifference to religious matters, especially in the towns. This disregard of spiritual obligations has been enlarging and deepening until, apparently, a small per cent. of the business and professional classes are in attendance upon the churches.

"Another difficulty, exclusively a country one, is in happily yoking several churches under one pastor. The man who is acceptable to one church and community does not meet the approval of a neighboring one. One church wants a morning or evening service, and few an afternoon service; and if their likes cannot be met, there is dissatisfaction.

"We have also found that the college and seminary man is not in every instance the successful Oklahoma pastor. A school education will not always increase a man's stock of common sense, business qualifications, and adaptability to surroundings.

"Another omnipresent hindrance is the lack of money. We cannot get from the field what we ought, and the Home Missionary treasury is so lean. Church and Sunday-school attendance has been very materially affected during the winter months by the unprecedented cold weather and severe sicknesses.

"However, our report is not all in the minor key. We seem to be gaining in adjusting men to fields. Precious revivals in quite a number of fields have been reported. Church debts have been paid. Church houses have been repaired. The wind and sun of this southern climate are severe on our buildings. They seem to delight to peel paint and crack plaster.

"While the Academy (Perry) of the North East Association has been temporarily closed, one at Carrier, in the North West Association, has been opened, with a full attendance, and \$3,500 raised in this country community put into two buildings, and Kingfisher Academy and College have found lodgment in their own stone building. These children of the Home Missionary Society are doing honor to their mother.

"We are conscious of our lack and of God's fullness, and, taking courage, we press forward to gain the rewards under the leadership of the divine Christ. The foundations of a new State are being laid within our territorial bounds. May the Congregational churches do their share in this initial and formative period!"

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.

REV. E. H. ASHMUN, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions from this missionary district, within the year, have been \$326.66.

ARIZONA.—One missionary has been in commission, in connection with three churches and stations. One Sunday school reports a membership of 60.

NEW MEXICO.—Seven missionaries have been in service, in connection with ten churches and stations. Eleven Sunday schools report a membership of 487.

Superintendent Ashmun writes: "There has been no marked growth or change during the year, but for the most part the work has gone on steadily, making progress at nearly every point. We have organized two churches, counting Jerome, which will be from the start self-supporting, and two Sunday schools, viz.: at Seligman, Ariz., and Cook's Peak, N. M. There has been gain in nearly all the churches in membership; even White Oaks, without a pastor, has held its own. We have not been able to have a pastor at White Oaks for over two years, but services have been kept up by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor nearly all the time, and flourishing Christian Endeavor and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies have been sustained, and the Sunday school is large and strong. It is now expected that a minister will be sent them as soon as a suitable man can be found.

"San José has built a small adobe chapel; Jerome has bought, with the aid of the Congregational Church Building Society, a church building, and Holbrook is moving to build. One church, Albuquerque, N. M., has come to self-support.

"The change in the superintendency, by which the churches are to be supervised by resident pastors, means, of course, that in the interests of economy not as close supervision is to be given the work, and it is not to be expected that much growth in the English work can be accomplished. I hope that this wide-open door to missionary work among the Spanish-speaking people will not be unheeded. There is especially a loud call for schools. We could open schools in a half dozen villages at once, where the people are asking for them and are willing to do something toward supporting them—one man, an American with a Mexican family, offering to give \$100 toward the support of a school in his place. Schools should be planted in all these towns, and the missionary follow the teacher. We are approaching Statehood. Shall it be an ignorant, or an educated

State? a Romish, or Protestant State? a Christian, or infidel State? Which it shall be depends very largely upon the work done by the churches among the Spanish-speaking population during this generation."

KANSAS.

REV. L. P. BROAD, TOPEKA, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from Kansas within the year have been \$3,175.67.

Thirty-nine missionaries have been in commission, in connection with sixty-three churches and stations. Forty-nine Sunday schools report a membership of 3,518.

Superintendent Broad writes: "In looking over the record of the year, I see several things of noteworthy importance.

"1st. The increased vigor of our missionary churches as a body. They have gained in spiritual activity, purpose to succeed and perform their mission, and measurably in material prosperity. All along the line there seems to be courage, and purpose, and hope. A few, only a few, of our missionary churches perplex us by being slow in action to get a pastor; but every church on our missionary schedule is holding some services, with the exception of two small yet hopeful enterprises. This spirit of enterprise is being manifested particularly by a sign which I will call a noteworthy feature.

"2d. The prevailing ambition of our churches is to attain to self-support. In this they act voluntarily, and, ordinarily, on the basis of paying an adequate salary when the change is made. I think that growth in intelligence concerning the sources from which Home Missionary money comes to us from the East, and the great necessities of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, joined with increase of the missionary spirit and the awakening of what we denominate the Kansas spirit of energy and self-reliance, and some increase in financial ability, are responsible for these self-supporting decisions.

"3d. The usefulness of our younger ministers. Chicago, Oberlin and Yale seminaries particularly have furnished us men who are becoming leaders on all church and missionary lines. Several of them were graduates of our own Washburn College. I am led to appreciate the importance and wisdom of visiting our Western seminaries to procure the best available men.

"4th. The growing desire of our churches for State self-support in the year 1900. This feeling was a marked feature of all of our

spring associations. Three associations passed special resolutions recommending this forward movement. It is an interesting fact, too, that the most decisive of these uniformly strong resolutions was passed by the Northwestern Association unanimously, and after full consideration of the proposition. In no section has the self-sacrificing zeal for the self-support of individual churches been more manifested than in the Northwest.

"5th. The growing consciousness of our churches that there is a greater United States, and that Kansas ought to have its share in evangelizing it. We recognize the fact that we are spending all of our Home Missionary contributions on ourselves, and taking an additional sum even from the Congregational Home Missionary Society for this personal purpose, and that our State (Congregationally) never has given a dollar to help evangelize our land, outside of Kansas, through the treasury of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. The addition of a large domain to our Home Missionary field by the Spanish War is broadening the view of many thoughtful people in our churches; and the conviction grows that some of these missionary States of the interior ought to be directly helping our National Home Missionary Society to carry the Gospel to these newer and needier sections. In this good movement Kansas would like to lead the way, if permitted to do so, under the impulse of the Spirit of God."

INDIANA.

REV. E. D. CURTIS, D.D., INDIANAPOLIS, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this State have been \$1,312.44. Twenty-eight missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with thirty-four churches and twelve stations, and performed seventeen years and four months of labor. Thirty Sunday schools report a membership of 3,020.

Superintendent Curtis reports: "Of the sixty Congregational churches in the State, thirty-six came into being during the last decade, through the agency of the Society. Seven of these are now self-supporting, and several others expect to become so soon. The great bulk of the missionary money available is now expended in the central portions of the State, where the gas and coal interests are causing a rapid growth of towns and cities.

"One church—Covenant, Indianapolis—was organized. The rapid increase of population recently in the eastern part of the city, and the very limited church facilities, emphasized the need of a

permanent religious organization. A Sunday school was formed, and cottage prayer meetings were held by the missionary superintendent. April 27, 1898, a church of forty-nine members was organized by council. A comfortable frame chapel, on a desirable corner, is the present home of the enterprise, which is ministered to by Rev. John R. Mason. This makes the ninth Congregational church in the city, of which six are still under the fostering care of the Society. Indianapolis is the capital, metropolis and geographical centre of Indiana. It has no inconsiderable claim to strategic pre-eminence. Radiating railroads, like so many arms, draw all portions of the State within its embrace. Congregationalism came late, and is not yet a large determining factor; but its message has been instinct with the best things in civic life. Its splendid vitality and its devotion to the highest forms of applied Christianity, and elevated social and religious ideals, have given it an influence quite disproportionate to its numbers and wealth. The Congregational churches are increasing in spiritual strength and the spirit of mutual fellowship, and are adding needed property and equipment.

A STRUGGLE FOR STABILITY.

"This has not been a year of romantic conquests in home missions, but it has been marked by adjustments favorable to equilibrium. Stability, rather than advance, has been the aim. Weak churches have been personally served by the Superintendent of Missions, and so omitted asking for a grant. Stronger churches were compelled to adjust their expenditures on a more economical basis. It has been a year of ministerial changes and of radical readjustments in methods and operating expenses.

"Since the revival of various forms of manufacturing, the cities in the gas belt have become hives of industry. These towns are full of young men. Madison county has doubled in population since the discovery of gas. Anderson, the county seat, has increased its assessment from \$1,000,000 to about \$8,000,000. More glass is produced in the county than in any other single county in the United States. It has two of the largest plate-glass factories in the country, the largest file factory, and makes more axes, shovels and tin plate than any other county in the United States. Seven years ago there was no Congregational church, and never had been. Now there are three, one of them self-supporting, located in Anderson and in Alexandria and Elwood, the two places next in size. The Alexandria church, latest born, has bought a splendid lot, and is making an effort to erect a fine house of worship this coming season.

“Dunkirk, in Jay county, is another gas town where Congregational missionaries have helped solve the problem of religious and social renovation. The tasteful and completely equipped edifice, costing with the lot \$11,000, was recently dedicated, and the spring meeting of the district association will be held there. The church is five years old, and is a spirited and enthusiastic body of 100 members. The atmosphere of the meetings is warm and tenderly spiritual. The agencies by which the church is holding out a helping hand to the multitude around are various.

THE COAL FIELDS AND SOUTHERN INDIANA.

“The work for the salvation of the mining towns engages the constant solicitude of God’s children. On the whole, the results of the year have been favorable. The miners have had more work; there has been absence of strikes and destitution; and all the Sunday schools have increased in membership and power. The Cardonia church has improved greatly in spirituality and stability, and at Coal Bluff the congregations have filled the church. The presence of a large and ignorant Austrian and Italian element is a constant menace to the smooth running of the work. A peculiarity noticeable is, that though both nationalities have been brought up in the Catholic faith, the Italian constituent is largely agnostic, and has broken away from all religious restraints. The Austrians, on the contrary, are very bigoted, full of superstitions, and determined to resist Protestantism with all their power. The mediæval Catholicism has full sway among them. The saloon is the blighting curse of these peoples. They also need education in all the common forms of social well-being. We thank God for the conversion of some of the men and women, and that they manifest Christian graces in their lives; but the work is difficult, and the missionaries need our prayers and expressed sympathy. Southern Indiana, as a whole, offers a large opportunity for home missionary work. Something is being done, but it is not a tithe of what should be done to build up the Redeemer’s kingdom and to spread the gospel news of salvation among a needy people.”

MINNESOTA.

REV. J. H. MORLEY, MINNEAPOLIS, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this State within the year were \$4,978.74.

Ninety-nine missionaries were employed, during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with 169 churches and stations.

Three churches have been organized. Three houses of worship have been built, and six parsonages provided. One hundred and nineteen Sunday schools report a membership of 8,053.

Superintendent Morley reports: "The special features of our field during the year have been the completion of certain railway lines in Northern Minnesota, and the opening of new towns. The Great Northern has completed a line from Duluth to Crookston. On this road, from Cass Lake to Crookston, a distance half way across the State, we are supplying all the towns, save one, with the Gospel. In each case our work is pioneer work, commenced while the towns were entirely destitute of religious services. From Crookston to Fosston, a distance of forty miles, the work is old. The rest is new. Two men are caring for the churches and Sunday schools along this line.

They have suffered some hardships, on account of the severity of the winter, and the small pay which we could give them. The work, however, is prosperous, and our churches are becoming so interested in it that it will be a means of enlarging our contributions. Through the unpaid labor of some of our ministers, through the scantily paid work of some of our students, and through the co-operation of the Sunday School and Publishing Society, whose North Dakota Superintendent has rendered invaluable service, as well as by severe economy in administering Home Missionary funds, we have kept abreast of the call. Compared with twelve years ago, we are doing a much larger work, with about half the money then appropriated to Minnesota.

"A feature which also deserves notice is our work in towns of a foreign population, sprinkled with a few Americans or English-speaking people. We entered some of these communities years ago with hesitation, fearing what the result would be. In some we have had marked success. The desire for an English-speaking service, the freedom of our simple polity, and a faithful missionary adapted to the situation, can win success in extremely unfavorable environments. A church thus organized a few years ago, avoided for a while by our missionaries as a hard field, is now one of our strong churches. The last church organized this year, in the adjacent town, will repeat the same story. In two towns near, our missionary is at work, not drawing a penny from the Society, and will organize churches and build meeting houses this summer.

"The indications are that there will be great material advancement in the State during the year. New lines of railway are projected, both in the new and older sections. The wealth of our iron

mines, our rich agricultural lands, and our lumber, give the material basis for prosperity, and indicate the lifting of the cloud of financial distress from which we have suffered.

"It is unfortunate that the opening of Northern Minnesota coincides with the financial depression of the Home Missionary Society, and with reduced appropriations to the State. To keep the spiritual abreast of the material, and to see that the kingdom of Jesus Christ advances *pari passu* with the secular development of our commonwealth, is our duty."

NEBRASKA.

REV. HARMON BROSS, D.D., LINCOLN, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this State within the year were \$3,622.35. Ninety-three missionaries were employed during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with 121 churches and 60 stations. One hundred and twenty-four Sunday schools report a membership of 7,874.

Superintendent Bross says: "Ninety-three laborers have been employed the whole or part of the time. Nearly all of these are permanent pastors, and have been under commission for the whole year. Including our German churches, 150 churches and 50 out-stations have been supplied by these laborers. Several other home missionary churches have been supplied temporarily without cost to the Society. Five churches have come to self-support. A part of these, at least, have reached this position through heroic effort and self-denial. We have been obliged, on the other hand, to lend a helping hand to four churches which have been previously self-supporting, but the four united in such way as to form but two fields. The progress of the year is seen in part in the good record made by the six new churches organized. Danbury is a bright railroad town, and in the midst of a good farming community. The church there grew out of a revival, and was organized with eighty members, twenty-one of whom united on confession of faith. Rev. L. S. Turner, pastor of the neighboring church at Indianola, had charge of the special meetings, and his people assisted. They became so much interested in the church at Danbury that the Indianola church voted self-support in order that its grant might be available for Danbury. The Danbury church now has a settled pastor, and a house of worship nearly completed. The Loomis church, which had been doing good work in an independent way for some time, came to us for fellowship, and was

recognized with seventy-eight members, others joining since. A group of four country churches in the near vicinity have been associated with Loomis. The field has an energetic pastor, has already secured a parsonage, and will be self-supporting after the present year.

"In two of our counties, where there has been practically no permanent religious influence thus far, special meetings have been held at the county-seat towns by Sunday-school Superintendent J. D. Stewart and his helper, and churches will soon be organized with about forty members each. In each of these cases, when a pastor can be settled, he will be the only resident minister in the whole county, and will have out-stations at different points, so as to make the church an evangelizing centre for a wide region. These counties are in the cattle region of Northwestern Nebraska, and the success of our work at Hyannis has proved to the people the fitness of our simple Congregational way for such communities. The effort to evangelize them by an itinerant ministry, with only an occasional service, has failed, and thoughtful people see the need of a local church, which can gather into its membership all truly Christian people and have an efficient pastor at its head. Many of our churches are freeing themselves from debt, improving their church property, and increasing the number of their contributions to the benevolent work of the denomination. Revivals of more or less power are reported from eleven fields.

"One of the pleasant features of the year has been to bring the work of our German churches into closer fellowship with our own. And the all-day meeting at Timber Creek, in connection with the organization of the German Church, brought together pastors and delegates from both classes of churches and the two superintendents. Sermons and addresses are given in both languages, and the occasion was largely helpful in many ways.

"We are now beginning to feel the disastrous results of the severe limitations of the last three or four years. Churches which could not be aided with a sufficient sum to enable them to secure pastors, had empty church buildings, which offered standing invitations to wandering preachers to hold services, by means of which they secured a partial following, and made it impossible ever to unite the community again under one leadership. We could not afford to contend for the grounds; so the work was surrendered; organ, communion set, hymn books, given away, and the effort of years lost, for the want of a little more money at the critical time. In this way three church buildings have been sold of late, and two more are offered

for sale. In three of these cases ours was the only organization and ours the only church building in the community, and in nearly every case, if we could have furnished means at the critical time to sustain an efficient pastor, the calamity might have been averted. But the opportunity has been lost, the children and young people whose loyalty and co-operation we were securing will drift away, and the community will be divided into contending factions."

NORTH DAKOTA.

REV. JOHN L. MAILE, FARGO, SUPERINTENDENT.

The year's receipts from this State were \$11,067.55.

Forty missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with eighty-four churches and stations. Three churches have been organized. Fifty Sunday schools report a membership of 2,334.

Superintendent Maile reports: "The year ending March 31st has been one of prosperity.

"Mr. W. N. Johnson has been ordained by the churches at Melville and Rose Hill. Mr. J. C. Schwabenland was ordained by a group of German churches in the southwestern part of the State. The field of Mr. Schwabenland is fifty miles in diameter, and consists of four churches. An extended work of grace has developed during the winter, and many conversions have occurred.

"A church of nineteen members was organized during the past summer at Adler, a station twelve miles in the country from Niagara, and developed by Rev. N. P. McQuarrie of the latter place. As a country church Adler has a very promising outlook, and expects soon to build a house of worship. A church, also, of nineteen members was organized at Hesper, in a very new part of the State. A colony from Minnesota was led to this region by Rev. Sheldon Slater, a young Congregational minister. He and the scattered community are making homes in an unoccupied region. Several denominations are represented in the new membership, who have also organized a Sunday school and a Christian Endeavor Society, and are working harmoniously.

"The German Bethany church on Mr. Schwabenland's district dedicated, last summer, a meetinghouse, and the affiliated church at Ebenezer is building. The German church at Fessenden will soon dedicate their new house, and the church at Oriska has nearly completed its new sanctuary. Parsonages have been built at Crary

and Sykeston, and are occupied by the pastors. Repairs have been made on numerous church buildings, and debts have been paid by a number of congregations: notably, the First Church at Fargo very successfully raised \$3,000 for the liquidation of floating indebtedness, while the Plymouth Church, Fargo, has repainted and decorated its attractive house of worship, and is to be served by Mr. D. G. Colp, just graduating from the Yale Divinity School.

"Total number of churches, 86; and preaching stations, 16. Present membership, 2,641—a gain of 239. Sunday-school scholars, 4,107—also a gain. Benevolences, \$3,516—a gain over last year of \$76. Home expenditures, \$29,898—a loss of \$1,309.

"Some eleven churches have been graciously visited by the Holy Spirit, in connection with special meetings. In this way the churches have been favored at Ladbury, Melville, Rose Hill, Fessenden, Crary, Gardner, Cooperstown, Briska, and Wahpeton. Many individuals pledged themselves to the Christian life, and the church membership was much revived. Rev. W. H. Gimblett has led a series of very strong meetings among his own people at Hankinson. The church is deeply searched and revived in its interior life, and several non-members appear to be gained for the Master.

"Our outlook for the next twelve months is hopeful. Should the material harvest-fields yield abundantly, and if good prices prevail, much financial burden will be lifted from nearly every community in the State. This desirable situation will react favorably upon many of our church enterprises.

"Special commendation might appropriately be given to nearly every one of our individual pastors. They are a noble body of Christian workers, and deserve and enjoy the confidence of the churches and communities where they live and serve."

SOUTH DAKOTA.

REV. W. HERBERT THRALL, HURON, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions from this State have been, within the year, \$1,916.26.

Eighty-nine missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, not including nine missionaries employed in the Black Hills, in connection with 146 churches and stations. One hundred and eighteen Sunday schools report a membership of 6,746.

Superintendent Thrall says: "South Dakota is a State without

any very large centres. There is but one city, of barely 10,000 inhabitants. The drop is then quick to seven or eight cities of three to five, possibly six, thousand inhabitants. Local, commercial and wholesale business for this State is done largely by cities in other states: by Sioux City, whose city lines touch South Dakota State lines; by St. Paul or Minneapolis. Some statesmen claim that discrimination in railroad freight rates does much to account for this. Others claim that Sioux Falls, Yankton, and other South Dakota cities, are younger business centres, competing with those near at hand, of age and strength. Whatever the cause, the fact makes this State quite rural, with no great centres and few large, strong churches possible, to stand beneath the great church burdens of a new State, such as Omaha and other cities furnished Nebraska; St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. This fact also tells upon the possible contributions to our benevolences.

"Most of our churches are in towns or villages of only 100 to 1,000 inhabitants.

"County seats are not, as yet, large. The drought years added to the losses by emigration, which every pastor of experience in the West and Northwest, even though he be in an old State like Illinois, soon realizes. One of little experience might easily get discouraged at times by such defections. But one of experience realizes that if he holds on to the things that remain, soon this moving population will come his way again. For this reason staying qualities are of value throughout the Northwest. Under quite usual conditions, a pastor in the restless West must gain members to hold his own. But if he does this, and steadily keeps at work, the church which at one time may seem like a forlorn hope will often very suddenly become a church of strength. Quite a number of our South Dakota churches have had just this experience during the past year. Fields which pastors having little heart or foresight might easily have deserted are now developing unexpected strength.

"In this connection I would state that I have three ambitions for our work in South Dakota: That it shall hasten the day of inter-denominational comity and church federation, when all Protestant denominations shall work in correspondence with one another, without waste, and without uncalled-for overlapping of forces. That it shall reach, not only neglected villages, but do much to reach neglected farming regions, where those who are so largely the feeders of our cities, in more than one sense—the farmers—are too often left alone while the churches jostle one another in the towns. That it shall bring into this new State an evangelical ministry, who shall be

prophets who shall bring the personal knowledge of God to a hungry world. The last ambition has already been realized. Something is being accomplished toward the second. The first goal is something clearly in our minds, even at sacrifices of 'just claims' in this State.

"During the past year we commissioned a general missionary for but eight months, on account of lack of funds. A general missionary is essential for efficient handling of such a mission field. It not only lightens the burdens of the superintendent, if commissioned for the full twelve months, but if he gives his time almost exclusively to evangelistic work, as has been the case this year, he strengthens feeble churches, saves churches about ready to die, and hastens to self-support the stronger missionary fields. In every way it is economical. But the command is to cut down, even though it be not wise and economical, and even at the sacrifice of valuable church life.

"South Dakota suffers from pastoral changes. I do not wish to question the wisdom of those who have changed. Some of them saw their duty very clearly. Paul may be called to Jerusalem from Ephesus, and from Jerusalem he may be carried captive to Rome; but Ephesus suffers from the change, and the workers in Ephesus feel that they need not only Paul's wisdom and words, but his life.

"After all, it is life which counts: prayer wins, life saves. The life is preached (voiced) by life. What these new commonwealths need is the gospel of the blood—beef, iron and wine of spiritual living—more than any poultices and bandages for any body politic. The need of humanity is not knowledge, so much as power; not ethics, but life. Even criminals criticise Christians. Children have knowledge enough; but strong men lack power to do right. Everywhere, but especially in a new State, devitalizing processes are going on all around us. They are in the very atmosphere of the commercial, political and social world; they are in the ground beneath our feet. What we need, and what we must have, if our communities and our commonwealths do not go into a spiritual and moral decline, is a constant revitalization of the spiritual life. It is the virility of Christian manhood which is called for. This will do away with greed of money and lust of power in affairs of state and in the mart; this will drive out the saloon, drive out corruption from the state capitol and from municipalities. This will preserve the home in all its purity and soul-music and immortal joy; this will bring justice into our courts of justice; this will bring gladness into womanhood and laughter into the faces of children; this will build up our republics into Christian states and our nation into a people of God. Life

speaks; personality tells. It is the greatest power on earth. Give us men among men, but, above all, give us men of God. Let them be men who somehow voice forth the suffering Son of Man as the saving Son of God. Then feeble churches will grow strong, and commonwealths whose legislators and whose young men and maidens make us sometimes to blush with shame will cause us to be justly proud of belonging to such a citizenship, and glad that we have lived, and died perchance, for such a people and such a commonwealth. Our home missionaries are, after all, our best statesmen, and out of the soil of their production spring the youth who fill up our armies and navies with heroes in the hours of need. Yes, home missions pay if Christian givers have faith to wait for the early and the latter rain. The fruitage will be eventually a Massachusetts, or an Ohio, or an Iowa. Nor need we wait long before changes come to encourage the husbandman. Only five years and less ago, when a young pastor went with his bride to Beresford, they told me: 'Beresford is a place noted as a resort of gamblers; it is filled with saloons; it is a hard place for churches; our number is very small; hadn't we better give up the organization?' They were then asking for \$450. To-day the Congregational church is a power for temperance, morality, and spiritual life. That same pastor is there. They have a beautiful parsonage. They now ask for but \$50, and next year they will come to self-support.

"But, confident that the Lord will bless all life-and-blood contribution, as well as that money contribution to Him at the East given, the missionaries of South Dakota again consecrate themselves and theirs to the unfinished work which lies before them, which lies before you and before us all, knowing that it is not we who live, but Christ Jesus who lives in and through those who are His."

WYOMING AND BLACK HILLS.

REV. A. A. BROWN, HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions from this missionary district, \$222.27.

Twenty-two missionaries have been in commission in connection with twenty-four churches and stations. Eighteen Sunday schools report a membership of 1,434.

Superintendent Brown says: "I come to my annual report with more of sadness than at any previous closing of the statistical year of my superintendency of this district. This is not on account of meagre results, for, on the whole, the results of the year have been

at least fair. Some of the churches have achieved much. The first source of sadness arises from the order to halt which the churches have given to their missionaries at the front. They have said that they cannot furnish subsistence even to the forces in the field, so that the word is no longer extension, but contraction. This has been the watchword since the close of my first year. Being loyal to the voice of the churches, I have honestly sought to avoid extension, except where the work already in hand demands it. We ought to have had a half dozen more men last year.

“The total benevolences of the district, as reported from pastors and church clerks, amount to \$1,482. Amount of missionary money expended in aid of churches is \$5,262. Total membership of the churches, 1,111. Membership of Sunday schools, 1,878. About \$800 of church debts have been paid during the year. A very gratifying feature of our work is that the churches are very little in debt. Only one church had an indebtedness of \$1,000 at the beginning of this statistical year. There are some parsonage loans outstanding, but there is but one church that owes over \$350. Our field is large in more ways than one. It is a region of magnificent distances, long railway and stage rides, and settlements far apart in many instances. This prevents yoking two or more churches under one pastorate, as in open-prairie countries. These mountain ranges are, in many cases, rich in precious metals, but it takes concentrated capital to work them, and this has not been gathered by residents upon the field. Hence these mines are mainly owned by those living in other parts of the country, or in foreign countries. These owners are interested in nothing pertaining to the development of the country except in these mines, hence they make few contributions to any of the local enterprises, secular or religious.

“While none of the churches have reached self-support within the past seven years, four new churches have been added, and but one discontinued. Seven church buildings have been erected, six parsonages have been secured, and the amount of missionary money appropriated for the support of these churches has been reduced each year, until it is now only about one-half of what it was seven years ago, and the membership of the churches and Sunday schools has nearly doubled. Our relative position in the public estimation has improved in relative ratio with our spiritual and material advancement. All of this has been achieved in a period of great financial depression, and among a diminishing population since 1893, until within about six or eight months. The population over the district is now increasing, with very rare exceptions. Much more could and would have

been done could we have obtained the means to enter wide-open doors that invited us. I have kept away from neighborhoods because to visit them would awaken expectations which could not be realized. We ought to put eight more men into the field than is possible with our present appropriation. Two of these should be used to strengthen work already in hand, and six of them should be put into new fields. We have had Sunday schools at and near Atlantic City for seven or eight years, and no preaching service within 100 miles. Some of the leading people of Lander, a community of 1,500 people, are Congregationalists. They want us, and need us, in that community. These would be centres from which at least a half dozen other points could be reached. Thermopolis is another such centre. It is a rapidly growing town of 600 people, and no church. They need us, and want us. Kemmerer is a newly developed coal town of a year's growth and 1,000 people, and here is also an open door. Aladin and Terry are also asking for us.

"Thoroughly believing that the officers and committee at New York are as anxious to enter open doors as your superintendent, I give you these facts to use among contributing churches, and to let you know some of the causes of sadness and discouragement in our work at the front. There is nothing here intended as a reflection upon the management of your office, or as a censure upon the contributing churches, but I would have them see as we see who are in the midst of the want and the need. We enter upon the new year with a better spiritual outlook than that of one year ago. The missionaries are getting better acquainted with the peculiarities and needs of the field. Those who are not adapted drop out, and under the law of the survival of the fittest we are reaching greater efficiency. We are looking forward to a year of greater spiritual growth than any that has preceded it."

COLORADO.

REV. HORACE SANDERSON, DENVER, SUPERINTENDENT.

Receipts from this State, within the year, have been \$1,113.35.

Forty-two missionaries have been in service, in connection with sixty churches and stations. Two churches have become self-supporting, and one house of worship built. Thirty-seven Sunday schools report a membership of 3,106.

Superintendent Sanderson reports: "Sixteen churches have held revival services during the year. \$2,425.09 have been paid on

church debts and \$1,415.35 given to benevolent objects. The past year has been one of almost constant change. In the Western Association all the churches have new ministers.

"The year has been one of spiritual awakening among our home missionary churches. We have a splendid body of self-sacrificing ministers in Colorado.

"A letter received recently says: 'We want a Congregational minister. We had a meeting of citizens, and after discussion it was voted, first, that we must have a church and minister. Second, we must have a church building. When it came to the denomination, a vote was taken, resulting in twenty-one votes for the Congregational denomination and a dozen scattering votes for other denominations.' We should take this field at once.

"We ought to send a minister to another place of 1,000 people where there is need of a preaching service. There is quite an influx of home-seekers this spring, and we must take care of them with the Gospel.

"The first of the year a very strong and urgent letter was sent out by our Home Missionary Committee and your Superintendent, to all of the Home Missionary churches, urging upon them the need of doing all they could in supporting their pastors financially. One pastor read the circular to his people, and so much enthusiasm was created that they cheerfully pledged the amount of the pastor's salary, and overran about \$90. This church was receiving \$250 Home Missionary money. Would that others might follow the good example!

"The outlook for our work is quite encouraging. We need more money, to care for the needy places where the Gospel is not preached."

MONTANA.

REV. W. S. BELL, HELENA, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions from Montana have been \$161.28. Eight missionaries have been in service, in connection with eighteen churches and stations. Thirteen Sunday schools report a membership of 782.

Superintendent Bell says: "The record of the past year has been one of persistent holding on and earnest effort toward self-support. All the fields have been held continuously, and by the same workers. While there has been no large increase of membership, each church has given evidence of increased spiritual strength and

power. A large measure of self-reliance has also been developed. With one exception, every field is asking for less aid than it did a year ago. We are holding as many fields as we did in 1892, and with \$500 less expense to the Society.

"This year has also been one of constantly enlarging opportunities. I spoke of this last year, and it could be repeated with increasing emphasis during every day of the past twelve months. The work has grown—we could not repress it—the missionaries have had to cover more and more ground, and the superintendent has had to give more and more of his time to supplying destitute communities. One company of eighteen disciples, in a region where five years ago not one single professing Christian could be found, stand waiting for recognition as a Congregational church, and a subscription for a church building is well under way. This condition of things makes an imperative call for the services of another pastor, but we can only leave the work in the hands of one already overburdened. Other churches could be organized, but how dare we encourage them when we have no means to supply pastors?

"During the year the Helena church, for a number of years self-supporting, has been compelled again to ask for missionary aid. To their appeal the Society responded by a special grant—an act highly appreciated, not only by the Helena church, but by the whole sisterhood throughout the State. By means of the help thus afforded we hope this church will soon again become an important and influential centre.

"Of the future it can only be said that we are still waiting the command to go forward. There is no lack of opportunity, there is no lack of men—can it be truthfully said there is no lack of means on the part of the Congregational churches of the land?"

UTAH.

REV. CLARENCE T. BROWN, SALT LAKE CITY, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions from this missionary district have been \$70.85.

Ten missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with eleven churches and stations. Seven Sunday schools report a membership of 486.

Mr. Brown says: "I began acting as Superintendent, November 1st, 1898, on the resignation of Rev. W. S. Hawkes. I accepted the position temporarily, and at that time had no idea that I should be in it at this time. I have been spending two days of each week

in visiting and preaching among our churches in the State. Naturally, a considerable part of my time has been occupied in getting acquainted with the fields. I appreciate now, as I never did before, the remark which one often hears, that Christian work in the rural districts of Utah has some points of likeness to work in the foreign fields. It is like it in this respect at least, that only after a long period can we expect to have sufficient numbers in an agricultural community to make an ordinary church. No doubt the very best medicine for Mormonism would be an active and attractive Christian church in each community; but it is extremely difficult to give them this concrete illustration of what evangelical Christianity can do, because there are so few Gentile Christians and so few Mormon converts, that it is very hard to form churches of any considerable numbers—and it does take more or less quantity as well as quality to make an attractive church. I often find our workers in a state of mind where they could get great comfort from the famous reply of Judson as to the prospects of his work—that ‘the prospects of the work were just as bright as the promises of the Lord.’

“There are, however, unmistakable signs of progress, though it is a progress that must be judged by rather long periods. When Mr. Moody was in the city, a few days ago, he said, ‘I can see hopeful signs which you who live here all the time cannot, perhaps, see.’ He referred to the change of tone in many people whom he met as compared with what he found here some eighteen years ago—a change which he felt was distinctly an advance. I might mention, also, in this connection, that we have had quite an interesting revival at one of our towns within a few months. Revivals have not been very numerous in Utah, even in the Gentile centres. These and other favorable changes have doubtless been due to various causes, but, among them, certainly two prominent factors have been the missionary churches and the missionary schools. On the other hand, there are indications this year of a greatly increased activity on the part of the Mormon authorities; it is said that they are sending out more missionaries this year than ever before. And the election of B. H. Roberts to Congress was a severe disappointment to all those who have been cherishing very hopeful views concerning the abolition of polygamy. That an open and defiant polygamist could be elected by so large a majority indicates that there is a very large field left for the most strenuous efforts of Christian reformers. I do not know how our American Christians can better expend their consecrated money than in the support of Christian schools and missions in Utah. There is a work for the law to accomplish, and for the

public schools, and the press ; but the leaven that really is to change the inmost evil of it all must be the pure Gospel.

“ Besides our work in Mormon districts, we have increasing opportunities in the mining districts of the State, where the population is from a half to three-fourths Gentile. My own opinion is that we ought to make the very most of these opportunities; they are valuable as opportunities in themselves and important as strategic points to reinforce the work in the other districts.

“ I am very happy to report that the policy of a somewhat closer co-operation between the Educational and Home Missionary forces in the State this year has been most successful, and is full of the brightest promise along that line for the future.”

IDAHO.

REV. AUGUSTUS G. UPTON, WEISER, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions from this district have been \$151.15. Thirteen missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with twenty-four churches and stations. Fifteen Sunday schools report a membership of 970.

Superintendent Upton remarks: “ Idaho rejoices in missionary autonomy. During the eleven years of intelligent and kindly administration by Superintendent Hawkes, the State was content to form one field with Utah; but when a new superintendent was to be appointed, it was felt that the present and prospective growth of the State made it desirable that it should have a superintendent of its own. A method being found to accomplish this without increased draft upon the Home Missionary treasury, the request of the State was granted.

“ Idaho is an immense State, one-third larger than all New England, with which it bears a favorable comparison in every element of natural resource and climate. But it lacks almost entirely the New England type of people. Puritan ideas and convictions are not prevalent nor welcome.

“ In Northern Idaho the Pan-Handle is still, in missionary matters, associated with Washington. We have six churches, and most of these churches have from one to several out-stations. One church is the only religious organization in a county as large as some Eastern States. Five of the six churches have settled pastors; one is supplied by a licentiate. A fact of importance is that each one of these churches, while in itself weak, is relatively strong, and is a leading

influence in the community in which it is placed. Each one is absolutely vital to Western civilization. By the aid of the Building Society three of our churches own parsonages; a fourth is about to build, after seeing its pastor move three times in one year, and the pastor of the fifth church owns his home.

"Congregationalism in part, and Christianity in particular, has everything to contend with in Idaho. In addition to all the infidelity and general wickedness of Western communities, it has to resist an aggressive and calculating Mormonism, which is pushing for the control of the State. Mormon home missionary work is outstripping Congregational—perhaps all the denominations combined. Our cry is, 'No new work!' their cry is, 'New work everywhere!' The religious destitution of the State gives them great advantage. There are only about one hundred churches in Idaho, even if we include the more than thirty Catholic. To supply this destitution our denomination is doing less than any other, and this not for lack of enterprise or opportunity. Fields are open to us, and people are beseeching us to enter them. Alas! Congregationalists know why we do not.

"The present is the dawning of the day in Idaho. It has been a State of slow development, but is now receiving more attention, and there is a valuable and increasing immigration. The 'Railway Age' accredits for the coming year more miles of railroad construction to Idaho than to any other State. New mining camps are being opened, new towns built. They ask us for the Bread of Life: shall we give them a stone? They ask for the school and the church: shall we leave them to the saloon, the Mormons, and the devil?"

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.

REV. J. K. HARRISON, SAN FRANCISCO, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this missionary district have been \$6,042.31.

Fifty-three missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with ninety-nine churches and stations. Seventy-three Sunday schools report a membership of 4,018.

Superintendent Harrison says: "Diversity is especially characteristic of missionary labor in California, where climate and topographical conditions vary so much. We have missionaries in places where excessive heat forces them at times from their fields; others are in places where the depths of snow shut them off from outside places for months at a time; still others are hemmed in for a season

by annual floods. They work among mines and lumber camps, in rural districts and in cities. Such divergent conditions make necessary widely divergent types of men and methods of working. There are places where the culture of the schools is appreciated and demanded; others, where a 'paper' sermon, as they term it, would hardly be tolerated. No small part of the success of missionary work depends upon the adaptation of men for their fields. It is a pleasure to bear testimony to the self-sacrificing labors of our men and women, who, coming in some instances from places and social conditions very different, have made themselves one with their people.

"The southern part of our district has looked this year into the face of drought, failure of crops, and consequent hard times. For thirty years there has not been so discouraging a prospect. Our churches have felt it seriously, and are disheartened. They need, not alone our sympathy, but our assistance. A general missionary should be sent into that region, to encourage and build up what has already been started, and to organize new work. There are many fields awaiting our coming. No part of the State offers better opportunity for purely missionary work, such as our Congregational churches delight to help. In no region are we doing less.

"The best progress for the year has been made in the region north of San Francisco. Here crops have been good, and consequently the people have been able to prosecute a vigorous work.

"Humboldt County five years ago had but four churches; now there are nine, with two stations, Rio Dell and Scotia, having the regular services of a missionary, and two others about to be opened through the generosity of an Eastern friend. It may be interesting to know how this opportunity came to us.

"Across the bay from Eureka is a large lumber mill, employing in the busy season about 120 men. The owner of the mill, in sympathy with all Christian work, will not allow a saloon on his land. But just over the line of his property was a small tract of land, and here a man built and maintained a saloon, supported by the custom of the mill hands, as they passed from the mill and camp.

"The wife of the saloon keeper is a Christian woman, who was much troubled in spirit because of her husband's business. When he died, last spring, she determined that the property should no longer be used for such a purpose. Though a poor woman, compelled to work in the fields with her own hands, she refused a sum of money for the lease of the property as a saloon which would have supported her, and offered it, instead, for the use of a church. The building was cleansed and seated, and at the first meeting held was crowded with

men and women lifting songs of praise where before were heard only curses and revelry.

"This woman has offered to deed us the building and land for a permanent church. 'She hath done what she could; and this, also, that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.'

"Seven miles from this place is a fine farming community with no church, where we were asked to come. In these two fields we hope soon to have a missionary.

"Many other such doors are opening to us. Many other hearts like that of this Swedish woman are growing anxious with hope deferred. No words can tell the heartache of the superintendent, who by actual contact knows the need, and whose constant disappointment gets its emphasis from a realization of what might be done were the necessary means provided by our churches."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

REV. JAMES T. FORD, LOS ANGELES, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this missionary district have been \$3,897.88.

Thirty-one missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with sixty churches and stations. Forty-six Sunday schools report a membership of 3,282.

Superintendent Ford says: "The distinguishing fact concerning our work in Southern California has been, that, while other home missionary districts have rejoiced in the return of financial prosperity, this district has suffered from a drought so severe as to cut off almost entirely the incomes of those who subsist by the cultivation of the soil, except in places favored by means for irrigation; and many of these places have found their supply of irrigating water so much reduced as not only to forbid fruit-bearing but also greatly to endanger the life of their orchards. The consequence has been that the advancement of our work has been hindered through the lack of means for its support, and the income of our missionaries has been reduced because their people could not give at the customary rate. Home mission collections have been meagre from the same cause, and some churches have needed much encouragement to prevent them from suspending their services or dissolving their organizations. In no year of the fifteen since I entered the general work has it been so difficult to collect the money needed for gospel work as in the year for which this report is made. This difficulty has been increased during the first three-fourths of the winter by the dark

prospect of another year of drought, for up to the first of March the rainfall of the winter had been only about one-fourth the usual amount. We thank God for a brightening prospect in March, but the danger is not wholly past, for up to April 1st the rainfall has not been one-third the usual amount for the first five-sixths of the rainy season.

"Nor do we appear to have received the showers of spiritual blessing which often accompany a period of material dearth. The additions to our churches have been but little more than one-half as many as last year, and no church reports any considerable degree of revival interest. Yet we thank God that some progress has been made, and will trust that the year has been one of the gathering of strength for a mighty forward movement not far hence.

"We find much to encourage us as we look back over a period of several years. On retiring from the oversight of home mission work in this field, it seems suitable to call to mind the blessing with which God has followed the work of our churches during the period of fifteen and one-half years since my appointment as general missionary of this district. Then we had only eight Congregational churches in Southern California; now we have eighty. Then we had 565 members; now, 6,930—a tenfold increase in the number of churches, a twelvefold increase in the number of members. At the time of my coming hither I found the stores almost invariably open on the Sabbath, and was told that the Sabbath was the best day for trade. I found it the habit of grocers to furnish intoxicating drinks to their customers, and was told that it was impracticable to maintain a grocery business without so doing. Neglect of church-going was to such a degree the fashion of the region that persons coming from the East, with lifelong habits of church attendance, soon fell into the prevailing current, and were seen at church no more. Indifference to all religious considerations was so widespread and persistent that for several years after my coming I heard of no prevailing revival of religion in connection with the work of any Christian denomination.

"Now the open store on the Sabbath is the exception rather than the rule. The habit of treating customers has vanished—at least, from public gaze. Our standards of moral and religious character, the average susceptibility of our people to religious impressions,* will doubtless bear comparison with those of favored places in the East.

"This remarkable change is doubtless due in great measure to the incoming in large numbers of Christian people from the East during the years from 1883 to 1888. But home mission aid came

also, without stint, that the new settlements might begin with the Gospel. Without this aid many of them would not have surmounted the difficulties in the way of beginning settlements with gospel institutions. One year and another year of waiting would have given the thorns the first place, and if then a missionary had come to sow gospel wheat the thorns were there to choke it. As we review the results of gospel work in this short period, we bow in wonder and praise, and exclaim, 'What hath God wrought!' We thank Him that He has permitted us to have even the humblest part in this gospel triumph, and will take courage for greater progress in the future. We see work enough waiting to be accomplished. Five-sixths of our territory—the region beyond the mountains, north and east, and with a population of not less than 50,000—is scarcely reached by our home mission work. The people, scattered in the valleys of the mountains, are as sheep having no shepherd. The railway stations and mining camps of the desert are accustomed to be spoken of as 'outside of God's country.' The whole vast 'outside' region beyond the mountains is in a moral and spiritual condition very like that of the coast region twenty years ago. We have hoped ere this to see the desert begin to blossom, but the shrinkage of our means for home mission work has hindered the effort to make that region a garden of the Lord. We pray that the time may not be long deferred when the church will awake to its responsibility for preaching the gospel to every creature in our own land, whether in the crowded slums of our cities or in the vast neglected wastes between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Though we lay down the special duties of our present work, we trust we shall not forget to labor right on, fulfilling our part toward the accomplishment of this mission of the church."

OREGON.

REV. CEPHAS F. CLAPP, FOREST GROVE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this State have been \$1,205.69. Twenty-five missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with fifty-one churches and stations. Forty-four Sunday schools report a membership of 2,799.

Superintendent Clapp writes: "Four Sunday schools were organized, and two churches. Four churches reported seasons of revival, and 132 conversions occurred. The missionaries minister to a membership of 1,489, while there were gathered into the Sabbath

schools which were under their pastoral care 2,195. One church building was purchased and five were repaired or materially improved. There were added to the churches to which they ministered, on confession of faith, 132 members, and by letter sixty. One missionary was ordained and five removed from the State.

"It has not been a year of great spiritual power in communities or of sweeping revivals, but rather one of strengthening the stakes and increasing in the knowledge of God and the building up of Christian character. An increasing number of churches are coming up to a higher plane of Christian giving, and the benevolences of the mission churches have grown largely.

"Two young men are preparing for the ministry, while many others from these missionary churches, now in college, are seriously considering the question of the ministry or the foreign missionary field. From the missionary fields on the frontier and in the mountains have come increasing numbers of young men and women to secure a college or academic education.

"While practically no advance movements were inaugurated during the year, yet the work was solidified and strengthened, and in many ways built up. Church debts were paid, and arrearages settled on parsonages. Organs and carpets and lights, and other church fixtures, were added in many places. Chairs were exchanged for pews in three or four of the live churches, and many other signs of growth appear. In many of our fields the churches were organized from material that, while it came from the worldly element, had been raised in other denominations before coming to Oregon. These people are fast learning the pilgrim way, and becoming more and more acquainted with and devoted to the Congregational polity.

"Little by little, our work spreads itself into the unevangelized communities; for while we have been able to send no missionaries into the regions beyond, yet families from our churches do go out there, and, finding no church or religious influence of any kind, they organize a Sabbath school, and ultimately it grows into a church, without pastoral supply however, but still visited occasionally by the superintendent or some missionary who passes that way, and administers the ordinances, and gives them a word of encouragement. These are true apostolic churches, and their growth and development depend on how much of the apostolic life and principle they incorporate into their life. It is not expected that these will always be saved for our own denomination, unless we can furnish ministers for them; but they strengthen the religious faith of the community, and furnish a rallying-point for those who love Christ; and they crystalize

the religious sentiment in the community, and make it far more powerful for good.

"Two such churches were organized this year. One will be placed, nominally, under the pastoral care of Rev. T. H. Henderson, who will not attempt to furnish regular preaching, but will visit them once or twice during the summer, and baptize those who have become Christians. The other will be looked after by a minister formerly connected with the Baptist church, but who, with his family, are now members of the new organization.

"Other communities desire such an organization, but I have not yet thought best to visit them with this object in view. Eventually we shall need pastors for these needy fields, when two or three of them can be yoked together under one leadership. The fact that such vines, planted under such difficulties, can grow at all, or even keep alive, demonstrates the vital power of Congregationalism when filled with the Holy Ghost.

"Untold good will result from these humble beginnings. Indeed, in many cases the large majority of those who constitute the membership were won from the world by the preaching of an earnest, vital Gospel, full of saving and regenerating power."

WASHINGTON.

REV. A. JUDSON BAILEY, SEATTLE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this State were \$1,411.14. Seventy-two missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with 117 churches and fifty-four stations. Four churches have been organized. Ninety-five Sunday schools report a membership of 6,300.

The Superintendent says: "While the past year has not been one characterized by any very aggressive movement, there have been steady activity and growth in all parts of the field. Twenty-three churches reported revivals, with an aggregate of 339 conversions. There have been added to our missionary churches by letter 239, and on confession 234. More than 7,000 are reported as regular attendants on the services. Only four new churches have been built, but fifteen have made repairs, at a large aggregate expense, and some have built or purchased parsonages.

"CHANGES.—The work from year to year takes on a more permanent character. The churches assume more responsibility and pastors plan for longer terms of service. Three pastors have left the State

during the year past, and eleven new men have been added to the missionary force. Among our new missionaries are five Washington young people. I would say men, but one is a woman, and very acceptable as preacher and pastor. These have had college and seminary training, and the character and efficiency of their work make them a credit to the State. Others are preparing for the ministry.

"In the city of New Whatcom a select company of Christian men and women, of a sister denomination, thought that they had good and sufficient reasons for organizing an independent church. When they came to investigate the matter they found that straight Congregationalism met their desires, and so a few months ago Pastor Rogers, of our New Whatcom church, had the joy of welcoming thirty-five of these persons by letter, an accession that doubled not the membership but the strength of the church. A better location, with a new and more commodious building, is the present demand of this field.

"When Mr. Doyle, after a two years' successful pastorate at Aberdeen, resigned to go to Colville, where a promising field awaited him, the Aberdeen church made arrangements with the Presbyterians by which the same pastor serves both churches, each church maintaining its own organization. Gain in power and influence as well as a reduction in home missionary aid result from this combination.

"Natchez and Wenas, two promising country fields yoked together, called a pastor, and assume his entire support.

"This State has taken a long stride forward along missionary lines, and, as a large majority of the pastors are commissioned by the Congregational Home Missionary Society, this fact is of interest as indicating the kind of men employed, and their purpose and methods in the development of the State. At a meeting of the State Association last fall a strong central missionary committee was appointed, and later the local associations followed by appointing their district committees. These have been at work among the churches, and from various fields came the report that the plan has been adopted, and is working admirably. Where this method of systematic giving has been worked long enough to warrant a report, we are rejoiced to see not only a marked increase in gifts, but an enthusiasm for missions. The church is lifted out of itself, into a larger fellowship with Christ. It will take time, years probably, to bring all workers into line, but we feel sure that the result will amply reward a large expenditure of effort. On careful inquiry, we learn that a large number of gifts to missions fail to be tabulated because of not passing through the regular channels. To China and India, and to new home missions

nearer by, gifts aggregating many hundreds of dollars have been sent directly by churches and individuals, because special appeals have awakened the missionary spirit without arousing an equal zeal for our national societies and their work. This, we believe, will be corrected.

“Our needs are many; but why enumerate them? They are not peculiar to this field. We need more money, more men. We sometimes feel that we cannot do without them; but more than all else do we missionary workers need the spirit of Christ, His love for men, His power to win them.”

ALASKA.

REV. L. L. WIRT, JUNEAU, SUPERINTENDENT.

Mr. Wirt, as Joint Superintendent of the Home Missionary Society and the Sunday School and Publishing Society, began work in Alaska in April, 1898. On reaching Juneau he found a population of from 4,000 to 6,000 inadequately supplied with gospel privileges. Receiving a most cordial welcome from the Presbyterian pastor on the ground, he opened a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service in a hall, and gathered a Bible class, for instruction and mutual inquiry. Subsequently this place of meeting, enlarged and made attractive, became a popular resort, especially for young men. A Mutual Improvement Club was organized and a large library of choice books was gathered, through the solicitation of Mr. Wirt, from among the home churches, East and West.

On Douglas Island, not far by boat from Juneau, there rose an immediate demand for a church, which was duly organized by Mr. Wirt, and its new house of worship has just been dedicated. Mr. Wirt has had no helper during this busy year but his efficient and faithful wife, while carrying the supply of the new church at Douglas and the Institutional work at Juneau.

Toward the close of the year, and when the Juneau enterprise gave promise of developing into a more organized life, an earnest protest from the Presbyterian minister on the ground, seconded by the Presbyterian Board of New York, against the planting of a Congregational church in Juneau, led the Executive Committee to pause, and finally yield to the protest, not because there was any lack of field, need, or opportunity, but solely on the ground of Christian comity. Since that time Mr. Wirt has confined his services to Douglas, and the little church has responded bravely, with a noble spirit of co-operation, as well as with generous gifts and pledges.

No little praise is due to the Christian Endeavor Societies, East and West, for the success of this Mission. They contributed during the year about \$2,500 toward its support. The result is a reward, and should encourage them to repeat and enlarge their efforts during the coming twelve months.

SLAVIC DEPARTMENT.

REV. H. A. SCHAUFFLER, D.D., CLEVELAND, OHIO, SUPERINTENDENT.

In reviewing the year's work, the hopeful signs are: two more fields occupied; two new churches organized, and church membership increased from 643 to 711; hopeful conversions, seventy-six; two new Sunday schools organized; increase in average weekly attendance at divine services from 1,084 to 2,593. On the other hand are to be noted a decrease of one in the number of missionaries; decrease in membership of Sunday schools from 2,031 to 1,835, and of attendance at other than preaching services from 3,384 to 2,899; decrease in number of visits and calls made, from 18,021 to 12,580, and of contributions to missionary societies, from \$904.15 to \$825.42. The severe winter and much sickness have been great hindrances. Different fields present striking contrasts. Those in which there has been great progress encourage us to hope and pray for the same elsewhere. Failure to secure the same results in other fields should stimulate the friends of Christ to pray more earnestly that those working there may be cheered and strengthened to win the victory. The successful general is he who sustains and pushes victorious battalions on to greater achievements, and cheers and strengthens those who find it hard to stand their ground.

Looking at the widely scattered Slavic stations in detail, we begin with the Bohemian work.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The average attendance at all services and meetings has been a little larger than last year, notwithstanding much sickness and bad weather during the winter, and the strenuous efforts of the Freethinking Bohemian Societies to destroy our work. Twenty-seven conversions are reported. Last year there were fifteen. One young man and one young woman are fitting for missionary work among Bohemians. In Bethlehem Sunday school fifteen pupils have declared their purpose to live a Christian life, and many have joined the Christian Endeavor Society. In the Cyril Chapel field cottage meetings have been held, with the result of winning a few new adherents. The work of the Sunday school has been more satisfactory than for some time. In the East Madison Avenue field the

loss occasioned by the departure to St. Louis of Miss Cinyburg has not been made good. The Freethinkers are very active in their opposition, and that important field needs more work. In the Mizpah Chapel region Miss Reitingers Bohemian work has been quite encouraging, and borne good fruit.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The event of the year was the formation of a Bohemian Congregational Church of twenty-four members. Rev. Joseph Jelinek has met strong opposition from some who forsook our fellowship years ago, and are jealous of his good work. But good results have nevertheless been reached, in the conversion of seventeen persons and the formation of a church. The average weekly attendance at ten services and meetings was 214.5, against 258.5 the year before.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—The Bohemian work here has lost much by the death and removal of attendants on our services. Our missionary has become much discouraged. Missionary work has been suspended.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—The church has grown from twenty-five to twenty-nine members. Though mostly poor, they raised \$316. The average weekly attendance was 124, against 121 last year. The very cold weather and much sickness of the past winter have been very serious hindrances. Rev. J. Trchka reports a "year of trials" within the church, but also consciences aroused and a better understanding of work for Christ, many being persuaded that the real spiritual life is the only one worth living.

SILVER LAKE, MINN.—Rev. P. Reitingers gives a very encouraging report. The weekly average attendance at ten meetings (342) was larger than last year (303). There has been a marked increase in willingness to give for missionary objects, and the church voluntarily decreased by \$90 the amount of aid asked for paying its pastor's salary from the Congregational Home Missionary Society. This little church, of mostly poor people, gave the Congregational Home Missionary Society \$121.86, and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions \$120.31; in all, for missionary objects, \$312.97. The pastor's great aim is to lead his church, situated among Catholics and formal Protestants, into a truer and more active Christian life; and his efforts are meeting with gratifying success.

GLENCO (Out-station).—There is closer attention to the truth and livelier interest in our work.

VINING, IOWA.—Here the church, of eighteen members, has gone on quietly, with no renewal of the last year's trouble with seceding members, but no accessions by conversion. The average attendance

at divine service was twenty-two, against twenty-three last year; and at the Sunday school twenty, against fifteen.

IN LUZERNE, IOWA, where Mr. Paulu preaches once a month, the average attendance has been thirty-four, against thirty-six last year; and at the Sunday school nineteen, against twenty-four. While one leading Protestant family has fallen away, there has been spiritual growth, and the rest are so desirous to form a church that arrangements have been made to do so April 28th.

IOWA CITY, IOWA.—Here the Bohemian work, dropped when Mr. Bastel left, in 1894, has been resumed by Miss Katherine Vavrina, a Bible reader, who holds meetings for women and children, is welcomed to many houses, and meets with encouragement in her work, notwithstanding strong Catholic and infidel opposition.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—While Rev. E. Wrbitzky cannot speak of a marked change for the better, he is able to see some growth in certain lines of the work. The average attendance at fourteen services and meetings (including eleven meetings of Ladies' Aid Society and seven Bible-class meetings) was 446.58, against 390.55 last year, though the average attendance at the preaching service was a little smaller than last year. The very cold winter hindered attendance. Some church members show signs of spiritual growth. The Sunday school prospers, in spite of the strenuous efforts of the Freethinkers to break it up. The Bible reader's work for women and children is very important and helpful.

NEBRASKA.—In Crete and Wilbur a little church of eleven members was formed last December, and Mr. John Rundus ordained. This has brought blessing to those who joined and a stimulus to the whole work.

POLISH WORK.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Rev. J. J. Dessup removed in June to Winburne, Pa., and Mr. Paul Fox, student at Oberlin, takes his place, as far as his studies will allow. Miss Ella Hobart finds that visiting families is very much easier than before. Both these missionaries find hearty welcome from many, though few Poles have yet the courage to break away from the Roman Catholic Church and bear the violent opposition that would await them. There have been five conversions. Attendance at preaching service has been smaller than last year.

DETROIT, MICH.—The transfer of the services to a chapel, in the Polish district, has made it easier for enemies to watch those attending who are threatened with violence; consequently the average attendance has fallen from thirty-four last year, to thirty. Four have been

received into the church, and there are very interesting cases of eager search for the truth.

BAY CITY, MICH.—The large Polish Roman Catholic church, closed over two years ago, has been opened again; but our Bible reader has a large field among the many Poles who refused to re-enter that church. Five adult Poles have openly confessed Christ and joined the Congregational Church. A Polish preacher is much needed there.

WINBURN, MUNSON, PA.—Rev. J. J. Dessup feels that he must give up work in this field. The dearth of Polish missionaries makes it doubtful whether his place can be filled.

SLOVAK WORK.

BRADDOCK, PA.—The church has grown from 125 a year ago, to 161, of which number ninety-four are men. The average attendance at two preaching services has been 213, against 207 last year, and in all meetings 425, against 408 last year. Rev. John Jelinek reports that there have been more bitter opposition from enemies, and richer blessings from the Lord, than before. The building and dedication of the attractive church, for which the Congregational Church Building Society gave \$5,000 and the Slovaks \$1,800, enraged the foes and has proved a great help to our work. The missionary spirit of this church is admirable, and is the secret of its growth. The fields for work among the Slovaks are open on all sides. We ought to put six or eight more missionaries into needy and inviting places.

In BEGONIA, VA., Rev. V. Totusek has been working since June 15, 1898. The membership of the church is fifty-three, an increase of three over last year's number. The average attendance at all meetings was 113, against 104 last year. But Mr. Totusek can report "the work, as a whole, in a hopeful condition, for there are some signs among our numbers of a deeper knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus." A new church building was dedicated last September.

In ELMDALE and HOLDING'S FORD, MINN., the Slovak church ministered to by our Silver Lake and St. Paul missionaries has grown from twelve to nineteen members. They have prepared timber for a chapel. A resident missionary is greatly needed.

GERMAN DEPARTMENT.

REV. M. E. EVERSZ, D.D., CHICAGO, ILL., SUPERINTENDENT.

Superintendent Eversz says: "We close the year with profound gratitude to God. The diminishing apportionments for a growing

work have indeed borne heavily upon our consecrated missionaries, but they have borne reductions without complaining. Promising fields and open doors had to be passed by, and our efficient missionary, Mr. Sattler, had to be withdrawn after six months, though nearly one-half of his salary was paid by the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. Some points had to be given up, while others had to be doubled up, or were without pastors longer than was well for them. Nevertheless, there has been real progress. Revivals are reported at nine different points, resulting in 226 conversions.

“The necessities of the case appear to have stimulated the spirit of self-help and loyalty, resulting in larger sacrifices for the support of pastors and in increased gifts for missionary and benevolent causes.

“The latest report accessible to me shows a total contribution of \$5,606 for all causes, and \$1,097.52 for Home Missions—nearly 20% more than in any previous year. Surely, if all our congregations had kept pace with the German contingent, our beloved Society would have had another story to tell. The large debt would have been practically wiped out, and, instead of being obliged to enforce further retrenchment, the word might have gone forth, ‘Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.’ Oh that the word might soon be given! It would be worth so much more to us now than three years later.

“The severity of the Russian government towards those of other faiths and languages is bearing further fruit in the increased exodus of Germans. From one section alone in Bessarabia 1,000 families were en route this spring. At Kulm, North Dakota, recently, fifty persons arrived in one day direct from Russia. At Lincoln, Nebraska, seventeen families came in one week, with seventy-six children—enough to organize a new Sunday school. Odessa, Washington, reports thirty-five families, many of them fresh from Russia. No other denomination can gather them all.

“There are other points like Odessa, but where are the means to appoint a missionary to look after them?

“Six years ago Pastor Legler, of Fresno, became impressed that a young man from Russia should preach the gospel. He responded to the call, and came to Crete, Neb., and Wilton, Iowa, to prepare for his life work. Last summer, after graduating from Chicago Seminary, he took charge of the four little churches surrounding Gullen, North Dakota, just organized on a grant of \$50 from our Society.

"A deep heart-experience had brought him close to His Master. Since November 1st there has been a constant, quiet revival in progress on his field. At last reports seventy-eight had found peace in Christ, while twenty more were seeking the Lord. Among the converts is a young Catholic, who has since been ordered home, to save him from 'those heretics.' He has gone, believing that He who said, 'Children, obey your parents,' and who called him out of the darkness into light, will also keep that which he has 'committed unto him against that great day.'

"Three others have heard the Master's call—'Son, go work to-day in my vineyard.' Their eyes are turned toward the southern horizon—Wilton, Iowa—trusting that He who has called them will also enable them to secure that fitting which is so needed to bear His precious message to mankind.

"Our Zion's Church, of Ritzville, Wash., was organized in 1894. After receiving home missionary aid for three years, it has, under the wise and efficient leadership of its pastor (ill much of the time), assumed self-support. Its older English sister, the leading church in that county seat, more than a dozen years older, is still receiving aid.

"Comparisons are odious, but our German work is not always more costly. The time will come when, without pressure from without, both sisters will speak the same language; and if right relations are maintained, they will become one church. Why should we then think of the work of the one as transient and less enduring than that of the others? or the investment in one case as less fruitful? If the future indeed 'belongs to the children,' then we may be fully assured that our investment in the German race will not be unproductive.

"Under the will and strong leadership of Principal Grove, Wilton College is steadily growing in the estimation and confidence of its constituents and of the community.

"While everything is full of promise, the lack of financial support is often depressing. Fifty thousand dollars invested in Christian Education will nowhere bring quicker and larger returns than there. We wait upon the Lord and his stewards.

"The circulation of our Kirchenbote and Sunday-school Lesson Papers is steadily increasing. For years there has been a call for a Hymn book of our own. A committee appointed by the last General Conference has finally furnished one, which is rapidly winning approval and introduction in the churches. We have reason to expect that the proceeds of the sale of this Hymn book, which is, in its

mechanical part, the product of the self-denying genius of Pastor Heinzelmänn, will provide the means for issuing a more complete Hymnal, with music, in the not distant future. That our report may not become too long, we sum as follows:

Total number of churches recognized by councils.....	133
Average attendance at principal service.....	5,981
Sunday-school scholars enrolled.....	6,402
Contributions reported in last four "Home Missionarys"....	\$1,097.52
Total contributions for all causes.....	\$5,606.35
New churches organized, received by council.....	2
New churches built.....	5
Parsonages secured.....	1
Churches rebuilt.....	1
Revivals reported, 9. Conversions	226
Added to churches on confession, 171; letters, 27.....	198

"With gratitude to God for the blessings of the year, and to our churches for their sympathy, their prayers, and their support, we look toward the future with the confidence that there is yet much land for us to possess."

SCANDINAVIAN DEPARTMENT.

REV. S. V. S. FISHER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., SUPERINTENDENT.

Superintendent Fisher says: "No long strides have been taken forward. No great events mark our work in the past twelve months. No remarkable things have been done. We have not, however, been going backward, nor have we been standing still. A great deal of good, faithful labor has been put in on many fields, which will surely tell in the long run. No new church has been organized during the past year; not that this might not have been done in a number of places, for such a step has been desired by several groups of people, as well as by the laborer who gathered them; but to organize a church means to foster an infant enterprise until it can go of itself. And this means, usually, to increase our ministerial force, which is a forbidden privilege.

"Two churches have been dropped from our list. These are the churches at Pittsburg and Mount Jewett, in Pennsylvania. The latter had Lantz for an out-station. Since the removal of Rev. A. J. Isakson from Titusville to Pittsburg the Society has been asked to put the Pittsburg church upon its list again. It would be very desirable to do this, and very profitable, for Mr. Isakson is an excellent laborer, and devoted to our interests; moreover, the church, having received

aid from us in the past, finds it not easy to understand why it cannot receive aid still; but circumstances are not favorable to such assistance.

“ We have received two new churches in the Far West, so making good in numbers the loss of the Pennsylvania churches. One of them is in Missoula, Mont., which from its origin has been favored with the brotherly care of the Rev. O. C. Clark, our hustling Congregational pastor in that city, who exercises a faithful watch-care over all such infant industries. By his help and encouragement, and that of his people, the Swedish brethren have been able to erect a church home. And now the Congregational Church Building Society is assisting them to build a parsonage. While this people were without a house of worship they occupied the American Congregational meetinghouse Sunday afternoon.

“ The other church, which has become one of us, is the Spokane Swedish Church. This, also, in all its way, has had the sympathy and wise counsel of the American brethren, among whom should be named the Rev. Jonathan Edwards, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Spokane, and the Rev. T. W. Walters, General Missionary for Washington. To this church has just come Rev. John J. Huleen, from Chicago, and both he and the church are entering upon their work with more of enthusiasm than the church has known before. Could our Society grant the pastor larger support, he would take up work in outside, neighboring districts which are destitute of church and gospel privileges. There seems to be a fair prospect that these two churches will not long have to rely upon our Society, but will be able to carry on their work without assistance from outside. These are only two out of a possible dozen churches which would have come to us the past year had the way been open to them and our arms outstretched to receive them. A number of excellent men have also offered themselves for the service of our churches, or for any missionary work which needed to be done. But the churches are all supplied with pastors; and, as for missionary work, we have on hand all the laborers we are able to employ.

“ We are employing four general workers. Two of them we have all to ourselves, and two of them we employ jointly with our sister society, the Sunday School and Publishing Society. The first two are the Rev. Messrs. A. G. Nelson, of Centre City, Minn., and Charles J. Jensen, of Ogdensburg, Wis. Mr. Nelson has been longer in the service than any other now upon the roll. He has been preaching the Gospel since 1880. During the past year he has visited, on the average, eight different fields each month, in thirteen counties; has

traveled about 3,500 miles; has preached 260 sermons, to congregations ranging from 20 to 400; has made over a hundred scattered pastoral visits; has baptized eighteen infants, and has heard the confession of Christ for the first time by more than a score. Mr. Nelson is kept in the field by the generous aid of a Massachusetts man, who is thus preaching the Gospel in the Swedish tongue.

"Mr. Jensen has his field in Eastern Wisconsin. He has traveled in the last year about 3,000 miles, mostly by his own conveyance; has visited regularly five fields, preaching in one of them every week, in two of them every two weeks, and in two others once a month. In the aggregate, he has spoken to seventy-five hundred people during the year. Mr. Jensen goes about strengthening the weak, and preaching to many who, otherwise, would not hear the word of truth. His horse has done great service in the mission cause, and feels as if it were about time for a faithful servant to have a needed rest and let a younger one take its place.

"Rev. John Okerstein, who looks after Sunday-school interests, as well as those of the Home Missionary Society, chiefly within the borders of Minnesota, is a very busy and useful man, fitting easily, and upon short notice, into many and a variety of places. But for his willing spirit and readiness to do the thing that comes up and presses to be done, our work would suffer loss in many ways. He commends himself to those who know most of his work by his wisdom, tact, energy, and constant enthusiasm in the Master's service.

"Rev. N. C. Barrie has recently taken up the work which Rev. L. J. Pederson, formerly the pastor of the Fargo Scandinavian church, had to give up on account of his wife's failing health—that of district missionary in the region which has Fargo for the centre. There Mr. Barrie is busily engaged in supervising Congregational Sunday-school and church interests, supplying a large number of places in which the people are too few and poor to have a minister to themselves. Mr. Barrie began his work last fall, and the winter has been so severe as to make traveling about considerable of a hardship. Yet he has managed to visit many places, and to reach many people. He is finding more open doors than any one man can enter.

"And this suggests one of the hard things which we have to meet in these days, namely, the necessity of refusing good offers and opportunities for doing the work which we are set to do. There has never been a time when so much could be accomplished by the judicious expenditure of a thousand dollars or two, in the sphere in which the Scandinavian department is working, as now. It seems a

pity to turn our backs upon very choice fields and leave them neglected, or for some one else to till and reap. One who has been recommended to us as an excellent man has a strong desire to take the field in the northern part of this State, which has but recently been opened for occupation, and where his countrymen have been going in considerable numbers, and do missionary work among them—not to attempt the organization of churches, but to give them some gospel privileges before they become accustomed to living without them. Four hundred dollars would secure the preaching of the Gospel during the year to hundreds of Scandinavians. No one is undertaking to do it, and we cannot.

“In the great State of North Dakota, with its scores of thousands of Scandinavian population, we have but one pastor and two missionaries, one of whom we share with the Sunday School Society.

“The needs and limitations might be shown at length, but this is not the cheering view. Notwithstanding our cramped condition, and inability to respond to many calls which it would be a pleasure to answer, the pastors and missionaries under the direction of the Society were seldom, if ever, so encouraged, so hopeful, so earnest and determined, as this past year. And they are, for the most part, in good spirits over the necessary cutting down of their salaries on the part of the Society; for such reduction far too often comes out of the missionaries. These men bear many hardships with firmness, and continue in their self-denying labor with new courage. They thank the Society for what it has done, is doing, and hope for better times ahead. May they speedily appear!”

CONCLUSION.

At the Seventy-second Annual Meeting of the Society, held in Cleveland, June, 1898, the following paragraph formed a part of the report of the Committee upon the Annual Report of the Executive Committee:

“Another field is likely soon to be thrust upon our care by the probable issue of the present war. Already, at Tampa, a promising beginning has been made by the Rev. E. P. Herrick, in his services with Cuban refugees. Should Cuba come under the oversight of our republic, who, better than the American Congregationalists, can minister to the religious needs of the Cuban people, emerging from the oppressions and sufferings which a country dominated by Papal superstition has imposed upon them? Other societies than ours may appropriately look after the welfare of the negroes and mixed races there, but the Cubans proper, so far as accessible to Protestant influences, may most fitly be reached and helped by this Society. It certainly will be wise for our officers to be alert to the demands that

may come, and for our gifts to make it possible that, when the hour of opportunity strikes, they may go forward. If our patriotism and our faith move us to pray for the triumph of our noble sailors and soldiers, we cannot fail to honor the call which that triumph must make upon our home missionary enterprise and devotion."

In accordance with this action taken by the Society, the Executive Committee, in February, 1899, united with the American Missionary Association in a joint commission to visit the islands of Porto Rico and Cuba. This commission divided the work, so that the representatives of the American Missionary Association visited and investigated conditions in Porto Rico, and the representatives of the Congregational Home Missionary Society visited and investigated the conditions in Cuba. The report of this commission, as to Cuba, was laid before the Society and churches in the April number of "The Home Missionary," and the Committee regards the situation as calling imperatively for immediate work in that island.

This Seventy-third Annual Report is sent forth under the shadow of a deep sorrow. Dr. Alexander H. Clapp, for thirty-four years the beloved and efficient officer of the Society, as Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Editorial Secretary, was laid aside from his duties by sickness just as the year closed. Scarcely had the new year opened when this honored man of God, ripened in spirit and beautified in character by a long period of physical suffering, was called to the mansions above.

In the missionary force of to-day there are some, perhaps many, who knew Dr. Clapp as the tender, sympathetic and energetic Secretary of the years of 1865-1878, whose presence upon the field and in their homes brought cheer and hope, counsel and encouragement; whose words at State Associations, and in Western as well as Eastern pulpits, were an inspiration and a power. In the Treasurership of the Society, 1878-1892, the business training of his earlier years gave to him marked qualifications not often found in the profession of the ministry, and the fourteen years of his treasury management were those of the Society's largest receipts and expenditures. The last six years of Dr. Clapp's labors were devoted to Editorial work, where his facile pen and keen judgment in matters literary had their play, and where his full knowledge of the Society's work, both upon the field and in the executive departments of Secretary and Treasurer, was of especial helpfulness and value.

By the death of Dr. Clapp the last official tie of the Society of to-day with that past of Dr. Milton Badger, Dr. Charles Hall, and Secretary Noyes, is broken. Men come and go. The work is one with that of the fathers—carrying the Gospel to the destitute, assist-

ing the bands of Christian brethren in the newer communities, in the outskirts of our growing cities, among the miners, the lumbermen, and the foreign-born citizens, to have the preaching of the Word, who, without such expression of fellowship and sympathy, would be deprived of gospel privileges.

The Seventy-third year has been marked by peculiar stress in many of the fields, because of the slow return of business prosperity and relief from the prolonged stringency of the years of depression. The disastrous effects of severe reductions are becoming manifest in the loss of churches which could not have sufficient aid to secure pastors, and those unused church buildings have at length been sold and the work surrendered.

We rejoice to think that a brighter day has dawned, and that the Seventy-fourth year will be one of advance and relief from the burden of indebtedness.

JOS. BOURNE CLARK,

WASHINGTON CHOATE,

Corresponding Secretaries.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1899

From Congregations and Individuals:		Oregon.....	\$643 19
Maine	\$1,083 63	Washington.....	1,411 14
New Hampshire.....	2,008 60	Japan	15 00
Vermont.....	3,548 06	Anonymous.....	2,667 67
Massachusetts	8,799 96	Annual Meeting at Cleveland,	
Rhode Island	228 21	Ohio.....	113 24
Connecticut.....	17,188 95		<u>\$99,804 96</u>
New York.....	16,278 50		
New Jersey.....	3,389 13	From Collections (Congregations, In-	
Pennsylvania	1,519 29	dividuals, etc.) transmitted by Auxiliary	
Maryland.....	1,116 54	Societies, viz.:	
District of Columbia.....	978 33	Maine.....	\$1.78
Virginia	10 00	New Hampshire.....	588 87
West Virginia.....	2 98	Vermont.....	340 81
Kentucky	19 20	Massachusetts.....	31,891 12
Tennessee	79 75	Rhode Island.....	500 00
North Carolina.....	33 20	Connecticut.....	3,756 24
Georgia	230 40	Illinois	25 00
Florida	951 23		<u>\$37,103 82</u>
Alabama.....	183 79		
Louisiana.....	78 22	From Legacies :	
Texas	44 75	Maine.....	\$1,000 00
Missouri.....	2,336 76	New Hampshire.....	4,607 60
Arkansas	11 55	Vermont.....	9,126 44
Oklahoma Territory.....	372 16	Massachusetts.....	71,007 87
New Mexico.....	88 10	Rhode Island	214 50
Arizona.....	238 56	Connecticut.....	27,528 25
Ohio.....	6,830 75	New York.....	11,779 23
Indiana.. ..	894 57	New Jersey.....	4,305 15
Illinois	406 59	District of Columbia.....	36 57
Michigan	59 40	Pennsylvania.....	525 00
Wisconsin	368 94	Ohio.....	3,304 01
Iowa	170 23	Indiana.....	417 87
Minnesota	4,214 07	Illinois	1,520 70
Kansas	3,175 67	Wisconsin.....	500 00
Nebraska	3,622 35	Iowa	374 71
North Dakota.....	817 55	North Dakota.....	10,250 00
South Dakota.....	1,916 26	Minnesota	764 67
Colorado.....	1,113 35	Oregon	562 50
Wyoming.....	222 27		<u>\$147,825 07</u>
Montana.....	161 28		
Utah	70 85		
Idaho.....	151 15		
California.....	9,940 19		

From Income of Permanent and Temporary Funds....	\$9,612 98	Illinois	\$53,645 59
From subscriptions to "The Home Missionary".....	295 66	Michigan	15,724 87
From sale of Home Missionary Leaflets and Maps....	28 19	Wisconsin	13,280 95
		Iowa	14,509 76
		Congregational City Missionary Society of St. Louis, Mo.	3,307 91
	\$9,936 83		\$221,575 11
Total receipts from Regular Sources.....	\$294,670 68	Total Receipts	\$516,245 79
Auxiliaries:—Receipts applied to work in their own fields, viz.:		Loans from Bank, within the fiscal year.....	20,000 00
Maine.....	\$16,253 27	Receipts for Investment....	15,750 00
New Hampshire.....	14,444 15	Balance from last year, viz.:	
Vermont	9,715 31	Cash for drafts accepted	5,247 28
Massachusetts	60,861 83	Cash unappropriated	7,499 34
Rhode Island	3,660 54	Special deposit for investment	6,730 67
Connecticut.....	16,170 93		\$571,473 08

PAYMENTS DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1899

MISSIONARY SERVICE

New York	\$23,288 78	Utah	\$4,714 81
New Jersey.....	1,307 75	Idaho.....	3,817 82
Pennsylvania.....	5,349 38	Montana.....	4,441 38
Maryland.....	597 67	Wyoming.....	2,923 88
North Carolina.....	331 25	California (North).....	8,770 72
Georgia.....	3,149 36	California (South)	8,988 07
Florida	8,500 11	Nevada.....	212 50
Alabama.....	1,714 92	Oregon	7,794 61
Louisiana.....	1,239 20	Washington.....	17,127 99
Texas.....	1,624 30	Alaska	1,125 00
New Mexico.....	3,807 91	Designated for Special Work	5,193 80
Arizona.....	476 16		\$220,182 81
Missouri.....	9,471 08		
Arkansas	391 66	Work for Immigrant Population:—	
Indian Territory.....	17 50	New York.....	\$1,580 02
Oklahoma Territory.....	8,926 30	New Jersey.....	1,183 46
Tennessee	1,359 37	Pennsylvania	2,454 20
Ohio.....	775 00	Missouri.....	1,216 15
Indiana.....	5,945 68	Ohio.....	4,203 79
Wisconsin (North).....	3,424 40	Indiana	272 50
Minnesota.....	13,512 27	Illinois	365 48
Kansas.....	6,993 88	Michigan	1,031 59
Nebraska	12,469 83	Wisconsin.....	2,661 83
North Dakota.....	7,717 57	Iowa	438 37
South Dakota.....	16,377 50	Virginia	487 44
Colorado.....	9,303 40		

Minnesota	\$3,021 73	Idaho	\$224 00
Montana	25 00	Oregon	451 21
Nebraska	2,330 58	Washington	975 53
North Dakota	176 56		
South Dakota	951 62	Salaries and expenses of super-	
Colorado	294 65	intendents	7,601 68
California (North)	173 75		<u>\$32,121 14</u>

Refunded to Missionary Society of Connecticut (from receipts from that State) for missionary labor and expenses	\$1,163 32
Refunded to Michigan Home Missionary Society (from receipts from that State) for missionary labor and expenses	153 41
Refunded to Illinois Home Missionary Society (from receipts from that State)	<u>1,775 11</u>
	\$3,091 84

Services and expenses of Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, Eastern Field Secretary	\$2,416 49
Services and expenses of Rev. C. W. Shelton, Eastern Field Secretary	3,390 18
Expenses of Home Missionary meetings	<u>1,462 05</u>
	\$7,268 72

Procuring and distributing clothing, books, etc., not included in treasury receipts, but constituting an essential part of the resources, and estimated this year at not less than \$61,880 in value	538 03
Advertising, general information about the work, etc.	<u>950 00</u>

OFFICERS

Services of Corresponding Secretaries, Editorial Secretary, and Treasurer :

Rev. J. B. Clark	\$4,000 00
" W. Choate	4,000 00
" A. H. Clapp*	3,000 00
William B. Howland	<u>2,500 00</u>
	\$13,500 00

Traveling expenses of Executive Committee and Secretaries	<u>1,500 95</u>
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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Secretary	\$1,000 00
Publication, postage, and distribution of leaflets and helps for Women's and Children's Work	682 16
Clerical services	1,404 00
Traveling expenses of the Secretary	500 00
Rent, heating, and furniture	<u>350 00</u>
	\$3,936 16

* Deceased.

PUBLICATIONS

Paper, illustrations, printing, and distribution of "The Home Missionary," 19,912 copies quarterly, including copies due without charge to Auxiliaries, Life Members, Missionaries, and Contributors	\$3,793 03	
Annual Report: 1,500 copies.....	453 98	
Annual sermon, by Rev. Thomas B. McLeod, D.D., 1500 copies	53 50	
Publication and distribution of Home Missionary leaflets, Home Missionary Sunday-school exercises, etc.....	1,364 32	
Clerical services in this department.....	2,388 59	
	<hr/>	\$8,053 42

GENERAL EXPENSES

Rent, heating, furniture, and care of missionary rooms.....	\$2,899 59	
Postage and telegrams.....	699 63	
Freight, cartage, boxes, wrapping paper and twine.....	98 04	
Stationery, maps, books, Life Members' certificates, commissions, drafts, circulars, and blanks.....	814 63	
Services of cashier, clerks and stenographers.....	5,037 43	
Legal services and estate expenses.....	2,003 55	
Expenses of anniversary meeting.....	2,070 44	
Treasurer's and cashier's bonds.....	200 00	
Annuity account.....	1,507 52	
Interest on loans.....	6,988 48	
	<hr/>	\$22,319 31

Total amount of payments for missionary labor and expenses
out of regular receipts..... \$313,462 38

Expended by Auxiliaries :—

Missionary labor and expenses, viz.:

Maine	\$16,253 27	
New Hampshire	14,444 15	
Vermont.....	9,715 31	
Massachusetts	60,861 83	
Rhode Island.....	3,660 54	
Connecticut.....	16,170 93	
Illinois	53,645 59	
Michigan	15,724 87	
Wisconsin	13,280 95	
Iowa	14,509 76	
Congregational City Missionary Society of St. Louis, Mo.....	3,307 91	
	<hr/>	221,575 11
Total.....		\$535,037 49

Cash Balance, March 31, 1899:

Cash unappropriated.....	\$530 15	
Cash in reserve for drafts accepted.....	13,424 77	
Cash on special deposit for Investment.....	22,480 67	
		<u>\$36,435 59</u>
Total.....		\$571,473 08

This is to certify that I have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, and find the same properly vouched, and that there was in hand at the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 1899, a balance of thirty-six thousand, four hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$36,435.59).

GEORGE S. EDGELL, *Auditor*.NEW YORK, *May 11, 1899.*

INVESTED FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

Permanent :—

The Swett Exigency Fund.....	\$50,000 00
The James McQuesten Fund.....	100,000 00
Permanent Investments—Bonds of which only the income can be used.....	36,010 67
Temporary Investments—Bonds, stock certificates, etc., many of no market value (par value).	66,112 40
Trustee Funds—Funds temporarily in hands of Trustees on the settlement of estates.....	24,888 05
A. D. Howard Fund. For Annuity subject to a life interest....	5,000 00

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS—YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1899

* Raised and expended by Auxiliaries in their own fields.

<i>Maine :</i>				<i>Maryland :</i>				
Contributions...	\$1,085	41		Contributions...		\$1,116	54	
Legacies	1,000	00						
			\$2,085	41	<i>Dist. of Columbia :</i>			
*Auxiliary			16,253	27	Contributions...	\$978	33	
					Legacies	36	57	
<i>New Hampshire :</i>							1,014	90
Contributions...	\$2,597	47			<i>Virginia :</i>			
Legacies	4,607	60			Contributions...		10	00
			7,205	07				
*Auxiliary			14,444	15	<i>West Virginia :</i>			
					Contributions...		2	98
<i>Vermont :</i>								
Contributions...	\$3,888	87			<i>Georgia :</i>			
Legacies	9,126	44			Contributions...		230	40
			13,015	31				
*Auxiliary			9,715	31	<i>North Carolina :</i>			
					Contributions...		32	20
<i>Massachusetts :</i>								
Contributions...	\$40,691	08			<i>Kentucky :</i>			
Legacies	71,007	87			Contributions...		19	20
			111,698	95				
*Auxiliary			60,861	83	<i>Tennessee :</i>			
					Contributions...		79	75
<i>Rhode Island :</i>								
Contributions...	\$728	21			<i>Florida :</i>			
Legacies	214	50			Contributions...		951	23
			942	71				
*Auxiliary			3,660	54	<i>Alabama :</i>			
					Contributions...		183	79
<i>Connecticut :</i>								
Contributions...	\$20,945	19			<i>Louisiana :</i>			
Legacies	27,528	25			Contributions...		78	22
			48,473	44				
*Auxiliary			16,170	93	<i>Texas :</i>			
					Contributions...		44	75
<i>New York :</i>								
Contributions...	\$16,278	50			<i>Arkansas :</i>			
Legacies	11,779	23			Contributions...		11	55
			28,057	73				
					<i>Oklahoma :</i>			
<i>New Jersey :</i>					Contributions...		372	16
Contributions...	\$3,389	13						
Legacies	4,305	15			<i>Arizona :</i>			
			7,694	28	Contributions...		238	56
<i>Pennsylvania :</i>								
Contributions...	\$1,519	29						
Legacies	525	00						
			2,044	29				

Ohio :

Contributions...	\$6,830 75	
Legacies	3,304 01	
	<u> </u>	\$10,134 76

Indiana :

Contributions...	\$894 57	
Legacies	417 87	
	<u> </u>	1,312 44

Illinois :

Contributions...	\$431 59	
Legacies	1,520 70	
	<u> </u>	1,952 29
*Auxiliary		53,645 59

Missouri :

Contributions...	2,336 76	
*St. Louis [C.M.S.]	3,307 91	

Michigan :

Contributions...	59 40	
*Auxiliary	15,724 87	

Wisconsin :

Contributions...	\$368 94	
Legacies	500 00	868 94
	<u> </u>	
*Auxiliary		13,280 95

Iowa :

Contributions...	\$170 23	
Legacies	374 71	
	<u> </u>	544 94
*Auxiliary		14,509 76

Minnesota :

Contributions...	\$4,214 07	
Legacies	764 67	
	<u> </u>	4,978 74

Kansas :

Contributions...	3,175 67	
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Nebraska :

Contributions...	3,622 35	
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North Dakota :

Contributions...	\$817 55	
Legacies	10,250 00	
	<u> </u>	\$11,067 55

South Dakota :

Contributions...	1,916 26	
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Colorado :

Contributions...	1,113 35	
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Wyoming and Black Hills :

Contributions...	222 27	
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Montana :

Contributions...	161 28	
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Utah :

Contributions...	70 85	
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California :

Contributions...	9,940 19	
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Oregon :

Contributions...	\$643 19	
Legacies	562 50	
	<u> </u>	1,205 69

Washington :

Contributions...	1,411 14	
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Idaho :

Contributions...	151 15	
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New Mexico :

Contributions...	88 10	
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Other Countries :

Anonymous, etc.	2,795 31	
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Income—Invested

Funds.....	9,612 98	
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Sales—Leaflets ...

	28 19	
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Home Missionary

Receipts.....	295 66	
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DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	EASTERN STATES.					MIDDLE STATES.		SOUTHERN STATES.																				
	Maine.	N. Hampshire.	Vermont.	Massachusetts.	Rhode Island.	Connecticut.	New York.	New Jersey.	Pennsylvania.	Delaware.	Maryland.	Dist. Columbia.	Virginia.	W. Virginia.	N. Carolina.	S. Carolina.	Georgia.	Alabama.	Mississippi.	Louisiana.	Arkansas.	Florida.	Texas.	Indian Ter.	Oklahoma.	New Mexico.	Arizona Ter.	Mexico.
1-26-27...	1			1			120	1	7				1	1	1					1	2							
2-27-28...	1	2					120	1	9				1	9						1	1	1						
3-28-29...	40	2	29	1			117		10				2	3	6	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2					
4-29-30...	47	29	27		3	1	133	1	13				2	4	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	1					
5-30-31...	54	31	35		21		148	2	10				2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2					
6-31-32...	62	40	32	1	23	25	157	2	11				2	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1					
7-32-33...	66	50	38	55	4	26	151	3	16				2	2	1			4		1	1	1	1					
8-33-34...	83	63	42	62	3	34	177	3	20	1			3	2			6											
9-34-35...	87	49	42	68	6	37	185	6	22	3	1		4	3	3	3	4	2					1	1				
10-35-36...	90	59	53	71	6	40	183	5	20	2	1		3	3	1		1	4				2						
11-36-37...	107	63	50	74		37	186	6	34	1	1		5	1	1		1	1										
12-37-38...	71	56	52	76		33	161	7	29	1	2		3				3	1										
13-38-39...	71	48	47	80	5	34	148	8	41	1	3		3				1	1										
14-39-40...	71	55	51	73	2	38	165	12	27	1	2		3				1	1										
15-40-41...	74	47	50	82	4	35	167	11	35	2	1		1		2		1	1										
16-41-42...	73	59	54	83	3	42	187	11	49	2	1		1		2		1	1										
17-42-43...	68	47	53	78		39	193	10	47	3	1		1		2		1	1										
18-43-44...	75	42	40	64	6	42	201	10	44	2	2		1		2		1	1										
19-44-45...	82	45	39	66	7	46	188	10	51		1		1		1		1	1										
20-45-46...	80	45	45	56	8	49	211	6	53	1	1		1	4		1	1	1										
21-46-47...	86	44	43	60	6	36	198	7	47	2	3		1	3		1	1	1										
22-47-48...	91	46	45	62	10	41	187	4	45	1	3		2	5		1	1	1										
23-48-49...	99	41	50	67	10	45	186	4	49		4		2	7		1	1	1										
24-49-50...	92	40	58	60	6	45	173	6	47	2	1		2	9		2	2											
25-50-51...	91	46	61	61	7	45	170	11	42	1	2		1	1		2	1											
26-51-52...	96	44	60	54	9	44	157	10	44	2	1		1	8			1											
27-52-53...	101	49	58	54	9	45	158	9	45	3	1		1	7			1											
28-53-54...	93	44	57	46	10	42	154	10	44	2	2		1	6			1											
29-54-55...	90	48	45	43	7	43	146	11	49	1	1		1	7			1											
30-55-56...	97	43	43	42	7	44	137	13	48																			
31-56-57...	97	43	53	38	6	40	133	12	46				6															
32-57-58...	91	45	77	34	8	36	133	14	49	1			3															
33-58-59...	92	45	97	38	8	39	135	12	53	1																		
34-59-60...	91	52	99	43	8	44	138	12	48	1																		
35-60-61...	86	51	75	44	8	44	121	12	47	1																		
36-61-62...	88	39	64	47	8	49	80	3	4																			
37-62-63...	82	39	60	45	6	49	43	2	3																			
38-63-64...	77	34	58	60	6	54	42		2																			
39-64-65...	77	39	61	59	5	52	53		5																			
40-65-66...	78	39	53	61	6	45	58		1	5																		
41-66-67...	82	38	65	63	6	40	57	2	6				2		1		1											
42-67-68...	84	45	66	61	4	37	57	4	12				2		1		1											
43-68-69...	85	48	79	70	6	36	57	5	11				3		1		1											
44-69-70...	89	42	65	74	6	34	55	7	9				3		1		1											
45-70-71...	95	38	60	64	6	33	52	7	10				3		1		1											
46-71-72...	110	35	58	61	8	36	49	7	6				3		1		1											
47-72-73...	102	39	57	66	7	41	39	7	3				2		1													
48-73-74...	82	45	65	66	6	48	53	9					1		2													
49-74-75...	97	47	49	73	6	39	51	8	13				1		2													
50-75-76...	99	49	48	81	6	42	51	9	10				1		2													
51-76-77...	83	49	57	76	7	44	57	6	7				1		2													
52-77-78...	86	49	55	71	7	44	47	6	4				2		1													
53-78-79...	86	49	55	71	7	44	47	6	4				2		1													
54-79-80...	82	55	61	76	8	45	45	7	5				2		1													
55-80-81...	82	59	53	75	8	44	51	6	5				1		1													
56-81-82...	95	59	53	75	7	30	43	5	7		1		1		1													
57-82-83...	89	64	52	72	10	39	46	5	15		1		1		2													
58-83-84...	94	62	53	83	8	40	53	4	23		1		1		2		8											
59-84-85...	104	66	55	88	7	40	67	8	18		1		2		3		12											
60-85-86...	103	64	60	97	9	46	71	4	23		1		1		1		9											
61-86-87...	99	65	62	97	10	50	67	7	23		1		3		2		7											
62-87-88...	99	65	57	64	10	52	74	7	25		2		3		1		4											
63-88-89...	113	73	57	104	9	58	72	9	25		2		1		2		6											
64-89-90...	118	71	59	127	9	57	76	10	32		2		2		2		16											
65-90-91...	134	74	59	124	11	54	89	11	38		2		1		3		24											
66-91-92...	124	80	53	123	13	53	99	12	40		5		1		2		17											
67-92-93...	124	68	59	131	14	53	94	16	40		3		2		2		25											
68-93-94...	140	64	61	124	14	55	104	14	45		3		1		2		27											
69-94-95...	141	71	66	132	15	59	95	12	44		3		1		1		26											
70-95-96...	116	54	73	141	12	60	92	10	45		4		1		2		33											
71-96-97...	112	50	65	136	14	68	87	10	37		5		1		1		23											
72-97-98...	108	56	62	142	15	75	72	12	31		4		1		1		20											
73-98-99...	107	54	60	148	15	82	66	10	30																			

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES.

WESTERN STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	Sout'n States																							
	Tennessee	Kentucky	Ohio.	Indiana.	Illinois.	Missouri.	Michigan.	Wisc'nin.	Iowa.	Minn'sota.	Kansas.	Nebraska.	No. Dak.	So. Dak.	Colorado.	Wyoming.	Montana.	Utah.	Nevada.	Idaho.	California.	Oregon.	Wash'ton.	Alaska.
1-26-27..	2	4	16	3	2	3	4																	
2-27-28..	2	4	27	9	3	3	5																	
3-28-29..	3	3	43	12	6	3	5																	
4-29-30..	7	5	64	18	12	6	10																	
5-30-31..	5	9	74	23	17	5	12																	
6-31-32..	7	13	74	24	20	12	16																	
7-32-33..	11	13	80	26	23	12	20																	
8-33-34..	10	9	68	29	24	13	16																	
9-34-35..	13	7	85	26	29	10	16																	
10-35-36..	12	9	80	24	32	12	17																	
11-36-37..	12	7	72	31	31	9	29	1	2															
12-37-38..	7	...	64	29	27	14	22	1	2	1														
13-38-39..	6	...	56	26	31	9	24	3	3	3														
14-39-40..	7	...	54	25	39	9	24	3	3	3														
15-40-41..	8	...	53	21	42	5	24	6	8	6														
16-41-42..	8	...	66	24	50	6	36	19	12	12														
17-42-43..	6	1	75	33	65	20	46	28	16	16														
18-43-44..	4	3	91	36	87	21	63	30	29	29														
19-44-45..	7	7	99	46	95	20	63	34	28	28														
20-45-46..	6	6	103	51	98	25	67	36	24	24														
21-46-47..	6	8	95	59	92	21	77	44	29	...														
22-47-48..	7	9	102	52	101	21	89	49	35	...												2		
23-48-49..	7	7	94	51	110	25	73	58	33	...												2		
24-49-50..	6	7	97	50	114	33	74	63	37	2												2		
25-50-51..	6	6	93	59	119	29	80	72	41	4												2		
26-51-52..	5	6	93	63	117	29	77	84	50	4												3		
27-52-53..	5	6	96	58	118	30	89	83	55	6												6		
28-53-54..	3	6	110	43	105	29	76	87	56	8												7		
29-54-55..	4	1	101	35	102	24	77	100	63	10	3											12		
30-55-56..	2	1	82	36	93	21	72	87	73	14	3	1										5		
31-56-57..	1	1	76	33	88	16	68	84	87	24	3	2										15		
32-57-58..	...	1	76	38	82	5	65	93	96	33	12	2										10		
33-58-59..	...	1	77	29	93	...	65	102	102	34	14	4										6		
34-59-60..	...	2	79	29	100	...	68	108	115	41	17	5										10		
35-60-61..	...	3	75	21	89	2	71	100	127	46	16	5										12		
36-61-62..	...	...	54	15	83	2	59	82	103	45	18	4										12		
37-62-63..	...	...	38	5	83	2	62	76	81	34	12	3										5		
38-63-64..	...	...	38	5	94	2	62	73	79	38	15	5										8		
39-64-65..	...	...	37	7	95	4	70	68	98	35	15	7										10		
40-65-66..	2	...	33	7	78	19	67	72	104	35	17	9										17		
41-66-67..	...	...	38	4	78	25	71	71	103	41	19	10										18		
42-67-68..	1	...	43	5	86	31	73	64	110	40	23	12										25		
43-68-69..	1	...	40	7	86	32	85	68	125	41	33	11										26		
44-69-70..	1	...	34	9	72	36	77	76	124	41	39	14										26		
45-70-71..	1	...	30	10	71	42	67	77	112	40	60	18										3		
46-71-72..	2	...	32	10	66	40	69	77	112	43	62	25										6		
47-72-73..	1	...	30	9	59	35	78	70	100	48	67	35										5		
48-73-74..	2	...	37	5	53	35	80	69	100	49	70	44										4		
49-74-75..	1	...	39	6	51	33	78	67	94	56	69	43										6		
50-75-76..	1	...	27	10	54	26	72	92	60	75	40											9		
51-76-77..	1	...	21	8	45	30	85	69	83	61	85	07										10		
52-77-78..	2	...	26	8	44	32	85	66	89	55	91	52										8		
53-78-79..	2	1	23	7	43	28	75	56	86	55	90	49										12		
54-79-80..	1	1	25	7	55	21	87	59	85	60	102	52										7		
55-80-81..	...	1	21	8	48	30	95	54	76	58	107	59	3									20		
56-81-82..	...	1	26	8	44	27	93	57	67	70	93	56	10									27		
57-82-83..	1	1	33	9	45	36	112	57	62	71	89	61	17									3		
58-83-84..	2	...	41	13	51	45	130	51	62	98	102	83	37									25		
59-84-85..	2	...	39	13	60	51	135	64	74	87	105	91	28									15		
60-85-86..	2	...	43	9	54	54	126	46	78	101	97	87	33									12		
61-86-87..	3	...	38	8	60	54	123	56	79	102	105	113	34									11		
62-87-88..	3	...	47	11	60	48	131	72	80	92	102	90	34									7		
63-88-89..	2	1	43	25	63	56	148	83	90	115	98	95	34									2		
64-89-90..	2	1	46	31	68	56	149	80	105	133	79	90	39									4		
65-90-91..	1	2	49	40	72	62	124	87	108	121	78	89	30									6		
66-91-92..	1	1	41	36	76	64	126	100	114	141	65	97	38									10		
67-92-93..	2	1	44	26	86	58	126	91	123	108	67	104	42									13		
68-93-94..	4	...	47	34	79	46	119	82	114	112	61	108	40									12		
69-94-95..	3	...	44	29	75	47	136	87	109	101	59	94	35									9		
70-95-96..	2	...	47	30	154	54	88	84	91	116	60	101	30									11		
71-96-97..	4	...	48	33	133	51	76	87	90	108	69	103	45									18		
72-97-98..	3	...	35	30	102	45	69	81	94	100	50	97	38									9		
73-98-99..	2	...	38	29	97	41	71	86	91	101	40	94	41									14		

4. In the Table will be seen the progress which has been made year by year in the newer States of the West, as they have severally come into being and presented fields of peculiar promise for missionary culture. When this Society was formed, *Indiana* and *Illinois* were in their infancy, *Michigan* was at that time, and for ten years subsequent, a Territory; in 1825 it had but one Presbyterian or Congregational minister, and he was a missionary. *Wisconsin* remained, eight years after the organization of this Society, the almost undisputed home of the Indian. *Iowa* was not organized as a Territory till 1838. *Oregon* was reached by our first missionary there in the summer of 1848, after a voyage of many months by way of the Sandwich Islands. Our first missionaries to *California* sailed from New York in December, 1848. Our first missionary to *Minnesota* commenced his labors at St. Paul in July, 1849.

5. It should be borne in mind that the number of missionaries in these newer States and Territories, as well as those that have been longer cultivated, gives but an imperfect idea of the ground that has been occupied by missionary enterprise. Churches every year become independent, and others are taken up in their stead.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY SECTIONS.

The following Table gives the number of missionaries each year of the Society's operations, the geographical divisions of *Eastern, Middle, Southern, and Western States*, and also *Canada*.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	New England States.	Middle States.	Southern and Southwestern States.	Western States and Territories.	Canada.	Total.
1-26-27	1	129	5	33	1	169
2-27-28	5	130	9	56	..	201
3-28-29	72	127	23	80	2	304
4-29-30	107	147	13	122	3	392
5-30-31	144	160	12	145	2	463
6-31-32	163	169	10	166	1	509
7-32-33	239	170	9	185	3	606
8-33-34	287	201	13	169	6	676
9-34-35	289	216	18	187	9	719
10-35-36	319	219	11	191	15	755
11-36-37	331	227	11	195	22	786
12-37-38	288	198	8	166	24	684
13-38-39	284	198	9	160	14	665
14-39-40	290	205	6	167	12	680
15-40-41	292	215	5	169	9	690
16-41-42	305	249	5	222	10	791
17-42-43	288	253	7	291	9	848
18-43-44	268	257	10	365	7	907
19-44-45	285	249	6	397	6	943
20-45-46	274	271	9	417	..	971
21-46-47	275	254	10	433	..	972
22-47-48	295	237	18	456	..	1,006
23-48-49	302	239	15	463	..	1,019
24-49-50	301	228	15	488	..	1,032
25-50-51	311	224	15	515	..	1,065
26-51-52	305	213	14	530	..	1,065
27-52-53	313	215	12	547	..	1,087
28-53-54	292	214	11	530	..	1,047
29-54-55	278	207	10	537	..	1,032
30-55-56	276	198	8	504	..	986
31-56-57	271	191	6	506	..	974
32-57-58	291	197	3	521	..	1,012
33-58-59	319	201	..	534	..	1,054
34-59-60	327	199	..	581	..	1,107
35-60-61	308	181	..	573	..	1,062
36-61-62	295	87	..	481	..	863
37-62-63	281	48	..	405	..	734
38-63-64	289	44	..	423	..	756
39-64-65	293	58	..	451	..	802
40-65-66	283	64	4	467	..	818
41-66-67	284	66	5	491	..	846
42-67-68	307	73	7	521	..	908
43-68-69	327	73	8	564	..	972
44-69-70	311	71	6	556	..	944
45-70-71	296	69	5	570	..	940
46-71-72	308	62	3	588	..	961
47-72-73	312	49	3	587	..	951
48-73-74	310	58	7	594	..	969
49-74-75	292	67	7	586	..	952
50-75-76	304	72	8	595	..	979
51-76-77	303	70	6	617	..	996
52-77-78	316	70	6	604	..	996
53-78-79	312	57	10	567	..	946
54-79-80	327	57	9	622	..	1,015
55-80-81	321	62	9	640	..	1,032
56-81-82	328	56	17	669	..	1,070
57-82-83	326	68	61	695	..	1,150
58-83-84	334	77	63	868	..	1,342
59-84-85	349	93	123	882	..	1,447
60-85-86	368	99	134	868	..	1,469
61-86-87	375	103	143	950	..	1,571
62-87-88	387	110	144	979	..	1,620
63-88-89	414	109	127	1,109	..	1,759
64-89-90	441	121	150	1,167	..	1,879
65-90-91	446	141	186	1,193	..	1,966
66-91-92	437	151	196	1,202	..	1,986
67-92-93	437	153	203	1,209	..	2,002
68-93-94	458	167	230	1,174	..	2,029
69-94-95	484	154	220	1,167	..	2,025
70-95-96	456	151	229	1,227	..	2,063
71-96-97	454	139	234	1,226	..	2,053
72-97-98	458	119	210	1,004	..	1,881
73-98-99	466	119	199	1,064	..	1,848

GENERAL COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	No. of Missionaries.	Not in Commission the preceding year.	No. of Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Years of Labor.	Additions to Churches.	Sunday-schools and Bible classes.	Average Expenditure for a Year's Labor.	Average Expenditure for a Missionary.
1-26-27	\$18,140 76	\$13,984 17	169	68	196	110	not rep.	not rep.	127	38
2-27-28	20,035 78	17,849 22	201	89	244	133		306	134	89
3-28-29	26,997 31	26,814 96	304	169	401	186	1,678	423	144	88
4-29-30	33,929 44	42,429 50	392	166	500	274	1,959	572	155	108
5-30-31	48,124 73	47,247 60	463	164	577	294	2,523	700	160	102
6-31-32	49,422 12	52,808 39	509	158	745	361	6,126	783	146	104
7-32-33	68,627 17	66,277 96	606	209	801	417	4,284	1,148	159	109
8-33-34	78,071 44	80,015 76	676	200	899	463	2,736	Pupils.	172	118
9-34-35	88,863 22	83,394 28	719	204	1,050	490	3,300	52,000	170	116
10-35-36	101,505 15	92,188 94	755	249	1,000	545	3,750	65,000	169	122
11-36-37	85,701 59	99,529 72	786	232	1,025	554	3,752	80,000	180	123
12-37-38	86,522 45	85,056 20	684	123	840	438	3,736	67,000	194	124
13-38-39	82,504 63	82,655 64	665	201	794	473	3,920	58,500	175	124
14-39-40	78,345 20	78,533 89	680	194	842	486	4,750	60,000	162	115
15-40-41	85,413 34	84,864 06	690	178	862	501	4,618	54,100	169	123
16-41-42	92,403 04	94,300 14	791	248	987	594	5,514	64,300	159	119
17-42-43	99,812 44	98,215 11	848	225	1,047	657	8,223	68,400	149	116
18-43-44	101,904 99	104,276 47	907	237	1,245	665	7,693	60,300	157	115
19-44-45	121,946 28	118,360 12	943	209	1,285	736	4,929	60,000	160	126
20-45-46	125,124 70	126,193 15	971	223	1,453	760	5,311	76,700	166	130
21-46-47	116,717 94	119,170 40	972	189	1,470	713	4,400	73,000	167	123
22-47-48	140,107 10	139,233 34	1,006	205	1,447	773	5,020	77,000	180	138
23-48-49	145,925 91	143,771 67	1,019	192	1,510	808	5,550	83,500	178	141
24-49-50	157,160 78	145,456 09	1,032	205	1,575	812	6,682	75,000	179	141
25-50-51	150,940 25	123,817 90	1,065	211	1,820	853	6,578	70,000	180	153
26-51-52	160,062 25	162,831 14	1,065	204	1,948	862	6,820	66,500	189	144
27-52-53	171,734 24	174,439 24	1,087	213	2,160	878	6,079	72,500	199	160
28-53-54	191,209 07	184,025 76	1,047	167	2,140	870	6,955	65,400	212	176
29-54-55	180,136 60	177,717 34	1,032	180	2,124	815	5,634	64,800	218	171
30-55-56	193,548 37	186,611 02	986	187	1,965	775	5,602	60,000	241	189
31-56-57	178,060 68	180,550 44	974	201	1,985	780	5,550	62,500	231	185
32-57-58	175,971 37	190,735 70	1,012	242	2,034	795	6,784	65,500	241	188
33-58-59	188,139 39	187,034 41	1,054	250	2,125	810	8,791	67,300	231	178
34-59-60	185,216 17	192,737 69	1,107	260	2,175	868	6,287	72,200	222	174
35-60-61	183,761 80	183,762 70	1,052	212	2,025	835	5,600	70,000	220	173
36-61-62	163,842 51	158,336 33	863	153	1,668	612	4,207	60,300	259	183
37-62-63	164,884 20	133,843 39	734	155	1,455	562	3,108	54,000	240	184
38-63-64	195,537 80	140,325 58	756	176	1,518	603	3,902	55,200	248	198
39-64-65	186,897 50	189,065 39	802	199	1,575	635	3,820	58,600	299	237
40-65-66	221,101 85	208,811 18	818	186	1,594	643	3,924	61,200	325	255
41-66-67	212,567 63	227,063 97	846	208	1,645	655	5,959	64,000	348	269
42-67-68	217,577 25	254,668 65	908	250	1,710	702	6,214	66,300	364	282
43-68-69	244,390 96	274,932 55	972	246	1,956	734	6,470	75,300	374	283
44-69-70	283,102 87	270,927 58	944	246	1,836	693	6,404	75,750	390	287
45-70-71	247,567 26	263,617 19	940	227	1,957	716	5,833	71,500	368	280
46-71-72	294,566 86	281,182 50	961	236	2,011	762	6,358	76,500	369	293
47-72-73	267,691 42	278,830 24	951	217	2,145	714	5,725	74,000	391	293
48-73-74	290,120 34	287,662 91	969	247	2,195	726	5,421	74,700	395	297
49-74-75	308,896 82	296,780 65	952	214	2,223	701	6,361	80,750	423	311
50-75-76	310,027 62	309,871 84	979	240	2,274	734	7,846	85,370	422	317
51-76-77	293,712 62	310,604 11	996	234	2,196	727	8,065	86,300	442	312
52-77-78	284,486 44	284,549 71	996	209	2,237	739	7,578	91,762	385	286
53-78-79	273,691 53	260,330 29	946	199	2,126	710	5,232	87,573	367	275
54-79-80	266,720 41	259,709 86	1,015	256	2,308	761	5,598	96,724	341	256
55-80-81	290,953 72	284,414 22	1,032	255	2,653	783	5,922	99,898	363	276
56-81-82	340,778 47	339,795 04	1,070	262	2,508	799	6,032	104,308	425	318
57-82-83	370,981 56	354,105 80	1,150	301	2,659	817	6,527	106,638	433	308
58-83-84	385,004 10	410,449 45	1,342	401	2,930	962	7,907	116,314	436	312
59-84-85	451,767 66	460,722 83	1,447	380	2,990	1,017	8,734	118,000	453	318
60-85-86	524,544 93	498,790 16	1,469	372	3,005	1,058	9,050	120,000	471	324
61-86-87	482,979 60	507,988 79	1,571	392	3,063	1,117	10,031	129,350	454	312
62-87-88	548,729 87	511,641 86	1,620	361	3,084	1,173	10,012	129,462	463	316
63-88-89	542,251 00	597,049 11	1,759	478	3,155	1,249	10,326	134,395	478	340
64-89-90	671,171 39	603,978 31	1,870	452	3,251	1,294	10,550	141,075	467	322
65-90-91	635,180 45	671,297 23	1,966	496	3,270	1,318	11,320	154,722	509	341
66-91-92	662,789 28	686,395 01	1,986	441	3,389	1,360	9,744	159,266	505	346
67-92-93	738,081 29	689,026 12	2,002	464	3,841	1,391	11,232	159,300	494	343
68-93-94	721,668 56	701,441 16	2,010	547	3,930	1,437	12,784	164,050	488	349
69-94-95	627,699 14	678,993 59	1,997	655	4,104	1,430	13,040	180,813	472	340
70-95-96	777,747 95	699,855 36	2,038	693	4,110	1,509	12,138	186,343	464	343
71-96-97	588,318 52	651,491 11	2,026	411	3,091	1,477	11,796	172,784	441	312
72-97-98	592,227 86	599,597 45	1,859	380	2,758	1,431	9,193	159,116	413	322
73-98-99	516,245 79	535,037 49	1,824	464	2,875	1,357	7,794	146,604	394	293

1. The total receipts for the seventy-three years is \$18,482,044.
2. The total of years of labor is 57,501.
3. The whole number of additions to the churches is 476,002.
4. The average expenditure for a year of missionary labor includes the entire cost to the Society of obtaining the missionary, defraying his expense to his field, and sustaining him on it, as well as the average proportion of all the expenses in conducting the institution.
5. The amount paid bank on loan account not included in expenditures.

LIST OF MISSIONARIES

SERVING IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
AND ITS AUXILIARIES WITHIN THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1898, AND CLOSING
MARCH 31, 1899.

THE PLACE IN ITALICS IS USUALLY THE MISSIONARY'S POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

The names of Missionaries not in Commission in the Seventy-second Year are printed in italics.

- Abercrombie, R. H., Newbury, Vt.
Abramson, A., Norwich, Conn.
Adadourian, Haig, Manomet, Mass.
Adams, Clinton B., Philadelphia, Penn.
Adams, Edwin A., Chicago, Ill.
Adams, Hubert G., Garretson, So. Dak.
Adams, *James R.*, Creede and Bachelor, Colo.
 Sheridan, Wyo.
Adams, W. C., Andover, Me.
Aikins, J. E., Windham, Me.
Akeson, Ludwig, Dover, N. J.
Alden, West, Hillsboro, Ill.
Alderson, John, *Freedman* and Winfred, So. Dak.
Alger, Frank P., Blackstone, Mass.
Allen, Frank H., Albuquerque, New Mex.
Allen, Jesse F. (Detroit), Sulligent, Ala.
Allison, A. L. (*Sault Ste. Marie*), Pine Grove, Rosedale and Allenville, Mich.
Almstrom, John M., Minneapolis, Minn.
Alvord, Augustus, Barkhamsted, Conn.
Amundson, Albert, Sioux Rapids, Iowa.
Anderson, Carl A., ———, Mass.
Anderson, Carl J., Proctor, Vt.
 Rutland Center, Vt.
Anderson, Charles, *Bloomfield* and Addison, Neb.
Anderson, D. R., Eau Claire, Wis.
Anderson, Emil A., Lake City, Minn.
Anderson, Frank, Missoula, Mont.
Anderson, Frank H., Omaha, Neb.
Anderson, Frederick R., *Glenview* and Northfield, Ill.
Anderson, F. O., Britt, Iowa.
Anderson, Harold E., Strong City, Kan.
Anderson, James A., West Peabody, Mass.
Anderson, Jonas, De Kalb, Ill.
Anderson, Martin E., Tacoma, Wash.
- Anderson, Oscar L.*, Grant, Neb.
Anderson, W. S., Surry, N. H.
Andrews, Samuel B., *Granville* and Tolland, Mass.
Andrews, S. M., East Haddam, Conn.
Andrewson, Andrew J., Maple Valley, No. Wis.
Andrewson, Severt M., Merrill, No. Wis.
Andridge, Andrew A., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Andrus, J. C., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Anthony, C. W., Grandview, Iowa.
Appleman, H. H., *Sauk Rapids* and Cable, Minn.
Apraham, S. A., *Litchfield*, Me. Oxford, Me.
Ard, David T. (Bestha), Spio, Ala.
Armitage, D. E., Oto, Iowa.
Armstrong, Julius C., City Superintendent, Ill.
Arnett, Samuel G. (*Berkeley*), Lorin, Cal.
Arnold, C. A. (Omaha), Ft. Calhoun, Neb.
Arnold, William A. (*Edmonds*), Roy and Yelm, Wash.
Asadoorian, Averdis M., Centerville, So. Dak.
Atcheson, William H., Bloomer, No. Wis.
Atherton, Isaac W., *Spring Valley*, Jamul and Lemon Grove, Cal.
Atkinson, F. W., Rumford, Me.
Atkinson, George E., *Tekoa*, and St. Johns, Wash.
Atkinson, William H., San Rafael, Cal.
Atwood, Charles, Volney, N. Y.
Atwood, Charles B., Andover, Vt.
Austin, Henry H., Big Horn, Wyo.
Austin, Lewis A., Orange City, Fla.
Avery, Holly H., Steelburg, Neb.
Axelson, John, Fitchburg, Mass.
Ayers, Alfred W., Wisner, Neb.
Babasanian, S., ———, Conn.

- Babb, James W., *Bryant*, Lily, Past Lake. Twin Lake and Elmhurst, No. Wis.
- Bachelor, G. H., Perry, Me.
- Bacon, *Easton* S., Ogallala, Neb.
- Bagnall, Frederick, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
- Bailey, *Roy D.*, Blaine, Wash.
- Baker, A. A., Fairfax, Iowa.
- Baker, F. H., Buxton, Me.
- Baker, George, *Washougal* and Mt. Pleasant, Wash.
- Baker, Orrin G., Ferrisburg, Vt.
- Baker, Thomas, Hillsboro, Wis.
- Baker, William H., Springfield, Ohio.
- Ball, *Joseph W.*, *Minneha* and Chapel Hill, Okla.
- Bannister, Charles D., *Thompsonville* and Copemish, Mich.
- Barber, Jerome M., Sherwood, Ore.
- Barber, *W. C.*, Chicago, Ill.
- Barbour, Mary L., Weston, Vt.
- Bard, *George I.*, Meridith, N. H.
- Barnes, Albert E., Perham, Minn.
Clearwater and Hasty, Minn.
- Barnes, Alice R. N., Castle, Mont.
- Barney, *Lewis W.*, Jersey City, N. J.
- Barrie, *N. C.* (*Fargo*), No. Dak.
- Bartlett, Dana W., Los Angeles, Cal.
- Bascom, George S., *Oriska* and Hankinson, No. Dak.
- Bassett, Franklin H., New Brighton, Minn.
- Bassler, *J. G.*, Masardis, Me.
- Bates, Charles S., Hanson, Mass.
- Bates, *James A.*, Royalston, Mass.
- Bates, John M., Wakonda, So. Dak.
- Batley, George J., Grand Island, Neb.
Hemingford, Neb.
- Bauer, *Philip E.*, Bremen, Indiana.
- Baumann, *Gustav*, Waukegan, Ill.
- Baxter, *G. W.*, Knoxville, Iowa.
- Bayley, *Dwight S.*, North Denver, Colo.
- Baylis, C. T., Chicago, Ill.
- Beadenkoff, Thomas M., Baltimore, Maryland.
- Beadle, H. A., Deer Isle, Me.
- Beaman, Emma W., Burke, Vt.
- Beard, J. R., Ottumwa, Iowa.
- Beauchamp, Jethro M., Lexington, Ore.
- Bechtel, Philip (*Kennedy*), Charles Mix Co., So. Dak.
- Becker, J. A., Spearfish, So. Dak.
- Beddoes, A. E., Chicago, Ill.
- Beebe, Julius R., Sanborn, No. Dak.
- Beede, Aaron (*Redfield*), Ashton and Athol, So. Dak.
- Beitel, *Julius H.*, *Palisada* and Eureka, Neb.
- Bell, Ira W., *Edmore*, Westville and Six Lakes, Mich.
- Belsey, George W., Toledo, Ohio.
- Belt, S. D., Santa Monica, Cal.
El Paso de Robles, Cal.
- Benford, George, *Standish* and Deep River, Mich.
- Bennett, George A., Ripton, Vt.
- Bennett, R. C., *Mt. Zion*, Platte, Poller and Union, Wis.
- Bennett, W. R., Chicago, Ill.
- Bentley, Frank D., Croton and Locke, Ohio.
Duluth, Minn.
- Benton, A. J., *Dickens* and Harmony, Iowa.
- Benton, J. A., Vances, Cal.
- Beram, John, La Crosse, No. Wis.
- Berkmann, W. O., New Fairfield, Conn.
- Berlin, O. J., *Winfred* and Freedom, So. Dak.
- Berry, J. T., Ashland, Me.
- Bessey, *William N.*, *St. Louis*, Mo.
Streator, Ill.
- Bevier, *E. D.*, *Central Lake* and Ellsworth, Mich.
- Bickford, Warren F., Islington, Mass.
- Biggers, Lorenzo J. (*Phoenix City*), Opelika, Ala.
- Bigelow, Frank E., East Chicago, Ind.
- Billings, Abbe C., Worcester, Vt.
Plainfield, Vt.
Corinth, Vt.
Fairfield, Vt.
- Billings, C. S., Los Angeles, Cal.
Fargo, No. Dak.
- Billings, E. N., *Smithfield* and Tarklin, R. I.
- Billour, Alberto, Spring Valley, Ill.
- Bird, Martin B., Brainerd Minn.
- Birlew, Gordon E., San Rafael, New Mex.
- Bishop, Albert W., Parsons, Kan.
- Bjuge, Carl B., Minneapolis, Minn.
- Bjorklund, Ernest Victor, *Mankato* and Kasota, Minn.
- Black, *William A.*, Springfield, Ill.
- Blackburn, John F., Fort Valley, Ga.
- Blake, Elmer T., Charlestown, N. H.
- Blakeslee, A. D. (*Denver*), North Denver, Colo.
- Blakeslee, N. T., Milwaukee, Wis.
- Blanchard, Edgar F., Warwick, Mass.
- Blanks, James L., Wheatland, Wyo.
- Blankinship, Jefferson D. (*Wright's*), Coatsville, Oakridge, Portland and Black Rock, Fla.
- Bliss, A. V., Plymouth, Vt.
- Bliss, D. J., Lebanon, Conn.
- Bliss, George R., Plainfield, Mass.
- Block, John, *Park Ridge* and Jefferson, Ill.
Chicago, Ill.
- Blomfield, F. (*La Porte*, Ind.), Muskegon, Mich.

- Blomquist, Charles F., Fosston, Minn.
 Bloom, Carl J., Wesley, Iowa.
 Bloom, William K., *Creal Springs*, Vienna and Fairview, Ill.
 Bockoven, Bangor, Mich.
 Bolin, N. J., Upsala, Minn.
 Bolt, N., Chicago, Ill.
 Bolton, James, Miami and Coconut Grove, Fla.
 Coconut Grove and Miami, Fla.
 Bond, J. J., *New Village* and Farmingville, N. Y.
 Booth, Jr., Edwin, Burwell, Neb.
 Borg, L. G., Washington, Conn.
 Bormose, Neils N., Philadelphia, Penn.
 Bortel, Harvey B., Aitkin, Minn.
 Boss, Roger C., Pittsburg, Kan.
 Bostwick, Elmer D., Big Timber, Mont.
 Bosworth, W. A., Wichita, Kan.
 Bouteiller, Albert, *Pittsfield* and Lenox, Mass.
 Bowen, Frederick, Bloomington, Ill.
 Bowdish, Austin C., *Hemingford* and Reno, Neb.
 Bown, Frank A., Walker, Minn.
 Brackemeyer, G. L., *Friend* and Turkey Creek, Neb.
 Bradford, Benjamin F. (Upper Montclair), Cedar Grove, N. J.
 Brady, Alexander, *Wilsonville* and Butteville, Ore.
 Braithwaite, Thomas, Bay Shore, N. Y.
 Branan, Seaborn R., *Art* and Asbury, Ala.
 Brandt, W. L., Kellogg, Iowa.
 Breckenridge, D. M., Ormond, Fla.
 Breeze, Aaron, Potosi, Wis.
 Brenneke, F., Minden, Iowa.
 Breton, John, Springfield, Mo.
 Brewer, William F. (*Atlanta*), Ga.
 Briggs, G. A. (*Verndale*), Randall, Minn.
 Briggs, Walter A., Hudsonville, Mich.
 Big Rapids, Mich.
 Bright, D. F., Lyons, Colo.
 Brink, Lee A., *Iron River*, No. Wis.
 West Superior, No. Wis.
 Brintnall, Lorin W., Ahtanum, Wash.
 Brintnall, W. A., Little Rock, Iowa.
 Bristol, Frank L., Chestnut Hill, Mass.
 Brokaw, Miss Martha A., Warren, Vt.
 Whiting, Vt.
 Brooks, Edward L., Detroit, Minn.
 Brooks, Hans A., Danway, Ill.
 Brooks, Raymond C., Eugene, Ore.
 Brotherton, J. H., Roscommon, Mich.
 Broughton, Horace C., *Packardville* and Pelham, Mass.
 Brown, Aurelian L., Harbine, Neb.
 Brown, Daniel M., Albion, Ill.
 Brown, G. E., Wheeler, So. Dak.
 Brown, Henry B. (*Evansville*), Soldier Creek, Okla.
 Brown, H. M., New York City, N. Y.
 Brown, John F., *Los Alamitos*, Cal.
 Needles, Cal.
 Brown, J. L., Souix City, Iowa.
 Kellogg, Iowa.
 Ocheyedan, Iowa.
 Brown, James M., Kirkland, Wash.
 Keystone, So. Dak.
 Brown, R. E., *Ashville* and Lakewood, N. Y.
 Brown, William D., Interlachen, Fla.
 Brown, W. J., Glenwood, Minn.
 Browne, J. Newton, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 Brownville, John W., Ewing, Mass.
 Brue, James (*Ruston*), Long Straw, La.
 Bruner, Charles A., Metropolis, Ill.
 Bruner, Thomas A. (Omer), Kingfisher, Okla.
 Bryant, John W. (*Klamath Falls*), Lorella, Spring Lake, Pecard and Ruby, Ore.
 Bufkin, L. H., Runnels, Iowa.
 Bull, D. W., *De Ruyter* and Lincklaen, N. Y.
 Lincklaen, N. Y.
 Bumpus, I. C., Sherman, Me.
 Bunnell, John J., Ft. Payne, Ala.
 Bunting, E. Thomas, *Walton*, East Grove and Maytown, Ill.
 Burden, Thomas J. (*Amandaville*), Five Forks, Ga.
 Burdeshaw, James J. (*Dotham*), Cottonwood and Pleasant Ridge, Ala.
 Burdett, Miss Ella, ———, Me.
 Burhans, Frank D., Salina, Kan.
 Burkett, C. E. (*Volina*), River Falls, Calvary and Wallace, Ala.
 Milton, Fla.
 Burkhardt, Paul, Springfield, Mo.
 Burleigh, B. W., Mitchell, So. Dak.
 Burnap, Irving A., Natick, Mass.
 Burr, E. F., Lyme, Conn.
 Burr, W. H., Condon, Ore.
 Burrill, Arthur S., Conway, N. H.
 Burroughs, C. H., Columbus, N. Y.
 Burroughs, Walter A., Kendall, Mich.
 Burt, Charles W., Leroy, Mich.
 Burton, C. E., Chicago, Ill.
 Burwell, Jesse, Kingfisher, Okla.
 Busby, Joseph L. (*Calera*), Clanton, Ala.
 Bushee, William A., Northwood, N. H.
 Bushnell, Campbell W., Rosalia and Oakesdale, Wash.
 Kalama, Wash.
 Bushell, Jonas (*Madrone*), Eagle Harbor, Wash.
 Bushell, Richard, *Marysville*, McMurray, and Edison, Wash.
 Bussey, R. D., Jr., Grand Island, N. Y.
 Butler, Elmer W., *Melbourne* and Eden, Fla.
 Butler, Jesse C., *Central*, Kid and Watson Chapel, Ala.

- Buttram, Elijah A., *Potolo* and Wausau, Fla.
 Cady, William J., West Palm Beach, Fla.
Calhoun, John S., Lusk and Manville, Wyo.
Calkins, Wolcott, Montvale, Mass.
 Cameron, A. J., Jamaica, Vt.
 Cameron, M. J., *Gays Mills* and Seneca, Wis.
 Camfield, Lewis E. (*Burnside*), Academy, La Roche and Kirkwood, So. Dak.
 Campbell, Andrew, Deerfield, Mass.
 Campbell, Charles, Sanford, Fla.
 Campbell, George C., *Trenton* and Fairview, Neb.
 Campbell, Wilber A. K., Hannibal, Mo.
 Carlson, Carl E., Woodstock, Conn.
Carlson, Walter G., Willow Lakes and Pitrodi, So. Dak.
Carpenter, Charles M., Cambridgeport, Mass.
 Carroll, W. I., Dallas, Texas.
 Carter, W. J., Roscoe, N. Y.
 Cartledge, Henry, New Smyrna, Fla.
 Chakurian, Enoch, E., Adin, Cal.
Field's Landing and Elk River, Cal.
Challinor, J., Hazel Green, Wis.
Chapman, William J., Nickerson, Kan.
 Chamberlain, Horace W., *Edmonds* and Richmond, Wash.
Chamberlain, H. W., Chicago, Ill.
 Chambers, Alexander, Prentice, No. Wis.
 Chambers, C. A., Princeton, Wis.
 Chambers, George R., Genesee, Wis.
 Champlin, Oliver P., Oberon, No. Dak. (*Dwight*), Antelope, No. Dak.
 Chapin, C. H., New Paynesville, Minn.
 Chapin, Franklin P., Hudson, N. H.
Chase, C. E., Etna, Callahan's, McConaughy and Oro Fino, Cal.
Chase, C. H., Big Spring, Jackson and Davis Corners, Wis.
 Chasse, Samuel B., *Millet* and Lansing, Mich.
 Chatfield, George A., *Rico*, Colo. Lafayette, Colo.
 Cheadle, Stephen H., San Juan, Cal.
Cheney, R. L., Endeavor, Wis.
 Chevis, Ernest C., Lake Park and Audubon, Minn. *Staples*, Minn.
 Chew, James, Thayer, Mo.
 Childs, Edward P., Ashland, Ore.
 Childs, James H., Northbridge Center, Mass.
 Childs, Lucas S., Seward, Okla.
Childs, William, Kalkaska and Excelsior, Mich.
 Chute, Edward L., Ware, Mass.
 Cibula, Jan, Braddock, Penn.
 Cinyburg, Miss Clara, St. Louis, Mo.
Clark, Allen, Park Rapids, Dorset and Ackley, Minn.
 Clark, Orville C., Missoula, Mont.
 Clarke, Almar T., Shelby, Ala.
 Clayton, Thomas, Binghamton, N. Y.
 Cleaves, C. P., *Sebago Lake* and Standish, Me.
Cleveland, Henry C., Hyannis, Neb.
 Coate, Robert M., *Erwin*, So. Dak. Canton, So. Dak.
 Coburn, D. E., Casco, Me.
 Cochran, Albert B., Etna, Cal.
 Colburn, Henry H., Brentwood, N. H.
 Cole, A. C., St. Johnsbury Center, Vt.
 Cole, John A., Rockefellow, Ill.
 Collins, Elbert J., Chillicothe, Ill.
 Colp, Donald G. (*Fargo, No. Dak.*), Kragness, Minn.
 Combe, Philip, San Francisco, Cal.
Comfort, James W., Marion, Ind.
 Comin, John, *Chamberlin* and Oacoma, So. Dak.
 Compton, Herbert E., *Fessenden* and Harvey, No. Dak.
 Conard, W. J. (*Park Rapids*), Hubbard Co., Minn.
Condit, H. J., Chicago, Ill.
 Cone, J. H., *Deer Isle* and Little Deer Isle, Me.
 Cone, James W., Ocheltree, Kan. *Powhattan* and Comet, Kan.
 Conry, Henry W., Pond Creek, Okla.
 Conley, H. W., *Red Beach* and Robbins-ton, Me.
 Conley, I. B., Springfield, Me. Woolwich, Me.
 Cook, Mr. A. W., *Maple Ridge*, Harris Ridge and Steuben, Wis.
Cook, Silas P., ———, Mass.
Cooke, W. H., Edmonds, Wash.
 Fresno and Oleander, Cal.
Sunol Glen and Mission San José, Cal.
 Cookman, Isaac, Hennessey, Okla.
 Cooley, C. T., Black Creek, N. Y.
Cooley, F. M., Victory and Ferryville, Wis.
 Coolidge, Henry A., Wilmot, N. H.
 Cooper, John H., Santa Ana, Cal.
 Corbin, Oliver L., Douglas, Wyo. (*Amethyst*), Creede, Colo.
 Cote, Thomas G. A., Lowell, Mass.
Cotton, Harry H., Park Rapids, Minn.
Countryman, Asa (Denver), Starkville and Sopris, Colo.
 Cox, Sydney H., Jersey City, N. J.
 Craig, Timothy C., Franconia, N. H.
 Cram, D. W., Staples, Minn.
 Crane, Edward P., *Pelican Rapids* and West Dora, Minn.
 Crane, J. F., *Maple City*, Lake Ann and Solon, Mich. Rapid River, Mich.

- Crater, George W., Carthage, Redstone, Esmond and Meckling, No. Dak.
 Crawford, Charles H., Baltimore, Md.
Creighton, Eben, Boston, Mass.
Cremor, Carl, Dubuque, Iowa.
 Crips, Philip M., Wolverine, Mich.
Croker, George H., Larchwood, Iowa.
Croker, John, Lakeview, Iowa.
 Cross, R. S., *Winthrop* and Gibbon, Minn.
 Crowell, Preston R., *Petersham* and Phillipston, Mass.
 Cudd, Wayman C., Walnut Lane.
 Culver, W. C., Verbena, Ala.
 Cumbus, George W., Columbus, Ga.
 Curtis, G. A., Killingworth, Conn.
 Curtis, Walter W., *West Stockbridge* and West Stockbridge Center, Mass.
Cutler, Fred M., Armour, So. Dak.
 Cutler, Temple, Gloucester, Mass.
 Dada, Edward P., Columbia City, Wash.
 Dahlgren, John A., Warren, Penn.
 Damon, C. W., Seymour, Wis.
 Danford, James W., *Brownston* and Stewart, Minn.
Danielson, C. A., Pawtucket, R. I.
Darling, Charles B., Washington, Ind.
Darling, Miss May, McIntosh, Minn.
 Darling, Thomas, Wentworth, N. H.
 Dascomb, H. N., Chicago, Ill.
 Davidson, J. N., Two Rivers, Wis.
Davidson, W. W., Greenwich, Conn.
 Davie, C. N., Cranberry Isles, Me.
 Davies, A. E., Greenwich, Conn.
Davies, Daniel D., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Davies, James, Plankinton, So. Dak.
Davies, T. M., Portland, Me.
Davies, Thomas V., *Crete*, Beecher, Columbia Heights, Goodenow and Solliitt, Ill.
 Davies, William A., *Dodge*, Howells and Fairview, Neb.
 Davies, William C., Minersville, Penn.
 Davies, William, Spokane, Wash.
 Davis, Albert A., *Lakeland* and Stillwater, Minn.
 Davis, Charles H., Toledo, Ohio.
Davis, David L., Williamstown, Penn.
 Davis, Ernest C., Plympton, Mass.
 Davis, E. H., Red Oak, Iowa.
 Davis, Lemuel, Steamboat Springs, Colo.
 Davis, Perley B., D. D., Boston, Mass.
Davis, R. L., Frenchboro, Me.
 Davis, William, Elyria, Colo.
Davis, W. S., *Colville*, Wash. Bossburg, Wash.
Davy, James J., Hope, No. Dak.
Dawson, William, Green River, Wyo.
 Dawson, W. E., Blaine, Wash.
 Day, Ernest, *Clearwater* and Hasty, Minn.
 Day, William C., *Rocklin* and Loomis, Cal.
 Deakin, Samuel, *Cowles* and Pleasant Ridge, Neb.
Dean, Frank W., *Red Cloud* and Indian Creek, Neb.
 De Berry, William N., Painesville, O.
Deering, W. A. (Fargo), Michigan City, No. Dak.
 De Groff, C. F. (*Letcher*), Firesteel, Bethel and Lisbon, So. Dak.
 DeKay, George H., Norwalk, Cal.
 Delagnean, Samuel, Boston, Mass.
 Delzell, F. E., Lyme, Conn.
 Deming, Vernon H., Weathersfield Center, Vt.
 Dent, Thomas J., *North Yakima*, Wash. Aberdeen, So. Dak.
 Depfer, H. A., Moriah, N. Y.
 Dessup, John J., *Munson* and Winburne, Penn.
 De Salvia, A., ———, Conn. Cleveland, Ohio.
 Detling, William C., Centerville, Mass.
 Dettmers, C. A., Chicago, Ill.
Dexter, F. M., ———, Wis.
Dexter, Granville M., Little Shasta, Cal.
 Dibble, William L., Guthrie, Okla.
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 Dickerson, C. H., Newark, N. J.
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CHARTER OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

BEING Chapter 21 of the Laws of 1871; Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1891; Chapter 76 of the Laws of 1893, and Chapter 498 of the Laws of 1896, of the State of New York.

CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society.
Passed February 6th, 1871.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Theodore D. Woolsey, William G. Lambert, Christopher R. Robert, Simeon B. Chittenden, Richard S. Storrs, Jr., William I. Budington, Calvin C. Woolworth, Charles Abernethy, John B. Hutchinson, Henry M. Storrs, William Henry Smith, Milton Badger, David B. Coe, A. Huntington Clapp, Austin Abbott and George S. Coe, and all such persons as are now or hereafter may become members of the American Home Missionary Society, formed in the City of New York in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, are constituted a body corporate by the name of "The American Home Missionary Society," for the purpose of assisting feeble congregations, and of sending the Gospel and the means of Christian education to the destitute, within the United States.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding, by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, subject to the provisions of law relating to devises and bequests by last will and testament, real and personal property, and of granting or otherwise disposing of the same, for said purpose.

SEC. 3. The net annual income of said society, arising from their real estate, shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. This corporation shall possess the powers and be subject to the provisions of title three, of chapter eighteen of part one of the Revised Statutes, as amended, so far as the same are applicable.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 53.

AN ACT to amend section four of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society."

Became a law without the approval of the Governor, in accordance with the provisions of article four, section nine of the Constitution, March 19, 1890. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate The American Home Missionary Society," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 4. This corporation shall possess the powers and be subject to the provisions of title three of chapter eighteen of part one of the Revised Statutes, as amended, so far as the same are applicable, and is hereby authorized to hold its meetings in any State or Territory of the United States and in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 76.

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society."

Approved by the Governor March 1, 1893. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding by purchase, gift, grant, devise, or bequest, real and personal property and of granting and otherwise disposing of the same for said purposes subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and sixty of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty, entitled "An act relating to wills," and the acts amendatory thereof.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 498.

AN ACT to change the name to the American Home Missionary Society.

Became a law May 11, 1896, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, a majority being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the American Home Missionary Society is changed to The Congregational Home Missionary Society, and the order of the supreme court entered in the office of the clerk of the city and county of New York on the fourth day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, directing that such change of name take effect on the first day of October in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

In April, 1899, this charter was further amended to authorize The Congregational Home Missionary Society to extend its operations to "*the West India islands.*"

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

[AS AMENDED TO DATE.]

ARTICLE 1.—NAME.

This Society shall be called The Congregational Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE 2.—OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to assist congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send the Gospel and the means of Christian education to the destitute within the United States and the West Indies.

ARTICLE 3.—MEMBERSHIP.

The members of this Society shall be annual and life members. Any person chosen as President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Auditor, or Member of the Executive Committee, shall also be an annual member during the term of his service.

(a) *Annual Members.*—Every Auxiliary and other State Home Missionary Society shall have the right to elect each year five persons who shall be known as Annual Members of this Society; and every Congregational church in the United States annually contributing to the treasury of this Society or to any of its Auxiliaries shall have the

right to elect each year two persons who shall be known as Annual Members of this Society.

(b) *Life Members*.—Any person on whose behalf fifty dollars shall be paid into the treasury of this Society or into the treasury of any of its Auxiliaries at one time, accompanied by a request for life membership, shall be a Life Member. All present Life Members and Life Directors are continued as Life Members.

ARTICLE 4.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, ten Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Secretaries for Correspondence, a Recording Secretary, and an Executive Committee of fifteen, of whom twelve shall be residents of New York City or vicinity. Neither the Treasurer nor the Secretaries for Correspondence shall be members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5.—ELECTIONS.

The President, Vice-President, Auditor, and Recording Secretary shall be elected by ballot, annually, by the Society at the annual meeting. The Treasurer and as many Secretaries for Correspondence as shall be needed shall be elected annually by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be arranged in five divisions of three each; one division shall be elected by ballot by the Society each year at the annual meeting, to serve for five years, and the members elected shall be ineligible for a re-election for one year after the close of their term; vacancies existing in any other division may also be filled at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE 6.—VOTERS.

All Annual Members bringing proper credentials, and Life Members who shall be present and cause their names to be registered upon a roll to be made up at each annual or other meeting of this Society by the Recording Secretary, and no other persons, shall have the right to vote at the annual election, and in annual and other meetings of the Society, upon questions there arising.

ARTICLE 7.—PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society. In his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside. In the absence of all of these, any member of the Society, duly chosen, may preside at any meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE 8.—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive and have personal charge of all funds from collections, legacies, or other sources which are designed for the current expenses of the Society, and the custody of its trust funds, and shall keep them in such depositories as may be designated by the Executive Committee, and shall disburse the same as the Executive Committee shall direct. He shall give bonds annually for such amount as the Executive Committee shall determine, and shall conduct the correspondence and other business of his office under the general supervision of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9.—AUDITOR.

It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine and certify the correctness of the Treasurer's accounts prior to each annual meeting.

ARTICLE 10.—SECRETARIES FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretaries for Correspondence shall conduct all correspondence relating to the office; they shall make known by personal presentation, correspondence, and otherwise, to State and local associations and conferences, to churches and individuals, the objects and claims of the Society, and shall have charge and direction of the work of the Society under the general supervision of the Executive Committee; they shall prepare the yearly report of the Executive Committee for the annual meeting of the Society, and submit the same for adoption by the committee prior to said meeting.

ARTICLE 11.—RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and proceedings of the Society, and at each annual or other meeting of the Society shall make up a roll of persons entitled to vote at such a meeting, as provided in Article 6.

ARTICLE 12.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; form its own rules of business; fill any vacancies in its membership which may occur during the year, until the next annual meeting; convene special meetings of the Society; have general supervision of the work of the Society; appoint missionaries and superintendents, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labors. It shall have entire control and management of all

moneys, securities, and property of every description belonging to the Society; shall create such agencies as the interests of the Society shall require; shall elect treasurers and secretaries for correspondence as vacancies shall occur, and make an annual report of its proceedings to the Society. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at any meeting regularly convened, but at a meeting for the election of a Treasurer or Corresponding Secretary two-thirds of the Executive Committee must be present.

Any and all real estate acquired by the Congregational Home Missionary Society, either by gift, devise, or purchase, may be sold by the Executive Committee, pursuant to a resolution therefor adopted at any meeting of said committee regularly convened, at such price and upon such terms as it shall deem proper, and by such form of conveyance as it shall approve. The Treasurer of the Society and the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall make, execute, and deliver to any purchaser or purchasers of such real estate so sold all necessary deeds or other instruments of conveyance thereof; and upon any such sale being made said officers are hereby authorized and empowered to affix the common seal of this Society thereto, and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the said deeds or other instruments as the free act and deed of this Society.

ARTICLE 13.—AUXILIARIES.

Any State Missionary Society may become auxiliary to this Society by paying into the Treasury of this Society its surplus funds, and sending to the Secretaries for Correspondence a copy of its constitution and its annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE 14.—MEETINGS.

This Society shall meet annually at such time and place as it shall appoint, or, on failure of such appointment, as the Executive Committee may, with due notice, direct.

ARTICLE 15.—AMENDMENTS.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution without a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing at a previous annual meeting, or shall be recommended by the Executive Committee.

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STATES AND TERRITORIES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	AREA IN SQ. MILES.	WHITES.	COLORED.	TOTAL.
Alabama	December, 1819.	52,250	883,718	678,489	1,513,017
Alaska (organized)...	July, 1868	577,390			36,000
Arizona	February, 1863.	113,020	55,580	4,040	59,620
Arkansas	June, 1836	53,850	818,752	309,117	1,128,179
California	September, 1850.	158,360	1,111,672	96,458	1,208,130
Colorado	August, 1876	103,925	404,468	7,730	412,198
Connecticut	January, 1788.	4,990	733,438	12,820	746,258
Delaware	December, 1787.	2,050	139,429	29,022	168,493
District of Columbia	July, 1790	70	154,352	75,927	230,392
Florida	March, 1845.	58,680	224,461	166,678	391,422
Georgia	January, 1788.	59,475	973,462	863,716	1,837,353
Idaho	July, 1890	84,800	82,018	2,367	84,385
Illinois	December, 1818.	56,650	3,768,472	58,879	3,826,351
Indiana	December, 1816.	36,350	2,146,736	45,668	2,192,404
Indian Territory		31,400	Uncertain, owing to legal complications.		179,321
Iowa	December, 1846.	56,025	1,901,086	10,810	1,911,896
Kansas	January, 1861.	82,080	1,374,882	51,251	1,427,096
Kentucky	June, 1792	40,400	1,585,526	272,981	1,858,635
Louisiana	April, 1812.	48,720	554,712	562,893	1,118,587
Maine	March, 1820.	33,040	659,263	1,823	661,086
Maryland	April, 1788.	12,210	824,149	218,004	1,042,390
Massachusetts	February, 1788.	8,315	2 215,373	23,570	2,238,943
Michigan	January, 1837.	58,915	2,072,884	21,005	2,093,889
Minnesota	May, 1858	83,365	1,296,159	5,667	1,301,826
Mississippi	December, 1817.	46,810	539,703	747,720	1,289,600
Missouri	August, 1821.	69,415	2,524,468	154,131	2,679,184
Montana	November, 1889.	146,080	127,271	4,888	132,159
Nebraska	February, 1867.	77,510	1,046,888	12,022	1,058,910
Nevada	October, 1864.	110,700	39,084	6,677	45,761
New Hampshire	June, 1788	9,305	375,840	690	376,530
New Jersey	December, 1787.	7,815	1,396,581	48,352	1,444,933
New Mexico	September, 1850.	122,580	142,719	10,874	153,593
New York	July, 1788	49,170	5,923,952	75,901	5,997,853
North Carolina	November, 1789.	52,250	1,049,191	567,170	1,617,947
North Dakota	November, 1889.	70,795	182,123	596	182,719
Ohio	November, 1802.	41,060	3 584,805	87,511	3,672,316
Oklahoma	May, 1890	39,030	58,826	3,008	61,834
Oregon	February, 1859.	96,030	301,758	12,009	313,767
Pennsylvania	December, 1787.	45,215	5,148,257	109,757	5,258,014
Rhode Island	May, 1790	1,250	337,859	7,647	345,506
South Carolina	May, 1788	30,570	458,454	692,503	1,151,149
South Dakota	November, 1889.	77,650	327,290	1,518	328,808
Tennessee	June, 1796	42,050	1,332,971	434,300	1,767,518
Texas	December, 1845.	265,780	1,741,190	492,837	2,235,523
Utah	September, 1850.	84,970	205,899	2,006	207,905
Vermont	March, 1791.	9,565	331,418	1,004	332,422
Virginia	June, 1788	42,450	1,014,680	640,867	1,655,980
Washington	November, 1889.	69,180	340,513	8,877	348,390
West Virginia	June, 1788	24,780	729,262	33,508	762,794
Wisconsin	May, 1848	56,040	1,680,473	6,407	1,686,880
Wyoming	July, 1890	97,890	59,275	1,430	60,705
		3,602,990	54,983,890	7,638,360	62,658,250

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